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JOHN AND FANNIE

STUTZMAN

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FOREWORD

After ten years of effort I am presenting this biographical history of the decendants of John and Fannie Stutzman, dating from the time they came to Oscoda County, Michigan in 1901

It is conceded that a history such as this is out of date before the ink is dry. It is evitable that in a family as large as we have grown to be, babies will be born and members will pass on. The book isn't ascomplete as I would wish. Some members of the family are missing, only because there was no response to my letters for information. I hope that in another ten years some one of the family will take the history from where I left off and bring it up to date.

I am, for the most part, letting each member of the family tell their own story. It gives variety and that personal touch needed to make the book alive and interesting.

I want to acknowege the willing assistance of other members of the family. Especially that given by Fannie Miller, Verna and Ira Yoder, my brother Millard and others.

F. F Stutesman

P. S. I am keeping a perpetual record of the births, deaths, marriages, in the family. When any of these occur, please notify me, at Onaway, Mich. Send the obituraies of those who pass on, and an account of the weddings in your family, and don't forget the babies.

INTRODUCTION:

The direct descendants of John and Fannie Stutzman had a major part in the development of the northern part of Oscoda County, known as Fairview. 2.

At the age of 68 he left the well developed community of Howard County, Indiana, and came to Oscoda County, then a wilderness so far as farming was concerned. The land had just been lumbered and the H. M. Lound Company offered large tracts of cut-over land for sale, cheap. At about the same time, wealthy farmers from Illinois came to Howard and Miami County, Indiana, and bought up large acreage of improved farm lands. They paid what was considered exorbitant prices for it. As much as \$100 per acre. The setting was just right for the migration of the Stutzman family.

In 1901 Grandpa John and his wife, Fannie, their daughters, Fannie (not married) and Teracie and her family pulled up stakes and made the move to Fairview. Other members of the family came in succession, until, in 1907, all of his ten living children had settled in the community, except Dave and Lydia.

John and Fannie Stutzman were of German descent and belonged to the Mennonite Church. Other Mennonite families came from Indiana, from Ohio, Illinois, Iowa, and soon there was a large church around which the settlement was centered. There were no roads, no schools, no markets. These improvements came rapidly, and the community became a prosperous entity.

The family grew and in the early 30's began to gather once a year in a reunion. Most of these were held at the home of Kate. Her home seemed to be a natural place to have them.

The family became so large that these annual gatherings could no longer be sheltered in the Jeff Miller home and large barn. They moved to the school house at Fairview.

At the Reunion in 1941, F. F. Stutesman gave a short history of the family as a part of the program. From this historical sketch came the idea of writing a history of the family. He began gathering the data necessary, but the war and other circumstances hindered the work until this year, 1951, more than fifty years after the family first came to Oscoda County. The story will, if the Lord wills it, be put into print.

The members are scattered all over the United States, East, South and West.

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John Stutzman was born in Holmes County, Ohio, the son of Jacob Stutzman, on October 22, 1832. He died at the home of his daughter, Barbara Kaufman, at Fairview, Michigan, on April 17, 1917.

Francis Troyer, (we have always known her as Fanny) was born in Holmes County, Ohio, April 4, 1836, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Troyer.

John and Fanny were married in 1855. Both were members of the Amish Church and grew up on the farms of their parents. The communities were small in those early days and no doubt their homes were not far apart.

After marriage they lived on a farm in Holmes County, Ohio, until 1873. In that year and the following several years there was a general migration from Holmes County to Howard and Miami Counties, Indiana. Lands were cheaper and any young man with a strong back could hew a home out of the forests. Grandpa and his family were among these migrants. They lived in Miami County, Indiana, for 27 years during which the community grew and became prosperous. Their family grew up, married and settled on farms near them.

In 1900 there was a general migration to Oscoda County, Michigan. Grandpa and Grandma were among the families to make the move, largely because some of their children migrated. There were nine children: Teracie, b August 1, 1856; Benjamin, birth date not known, he died on his third anniversary; David, b July 27, 1859; Lydia, b January 23, 1857; Jerry, b April 23, 1863; Barbara, b July 12, 1865; Kate, b July 21, 1867; Sarah, b October 3, 1869; Fannie, b January 1, 1872, died at Fairview July 8, 1908; Mary, b January 24, 1874.

REUNIONS

FIRST ANNUAL REUNION — 1937

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Record not available.

SECOND ANNUAL REUNION — 1938

Second annual Stutesman reunion held at the Miller farm near Fairview, Michigan, Aug. 6, 1938. A bountiful picnic dinner was served in the barn, after which all assembled on the lawn to hear the program. The chairman of the program committee, Floyd Esch, announced the members on the program and also conducted the business at the end of the program. The program was as follows:

1. Opening song . . . "Love Divine", led by Hazel Lantz.
2. Invocation . . . Menno Esch.
3. This Little Light of Mine . . . small children.
4. "A Challenge" . . . talk by Kenneth Gusler.
5. Poem . . . Eula Rogers.
6. Ladies Quartette . . . Mary Detweiler, Irene Miller, Esther Miller, Kathryn Miller.
7. Impromptu talk . . . Sam Mast.
8. Hunting and Fishing talk . . . Paul Kauffman.

In the business part of the meeting, Chance Miller was elected president; Carl Yoder, vice-president and Eula Rogers, Secretary. A collection was taken up to bear some minor expenses.

9. Closing Song . . . "God Be With You Till We Meet Again", led by Hazel Lantz.

THIRD ANNUAL REUNION — 1939

The Third Annual Stutesman reunion was held at the Fairview High School at Fairview, Michigan, Aug. 5, 1939.

A pot luck dinner was served at noon. Immediately after the dinner, the bell rang which called everybody to the assembly for the program. The chairman of the program committee, Ferd Stutesman, announced the members on the program and also conducted the business meeting.

The program was as follows:

1. Opening Song - "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow", led by Vera Yoder.
2. Opening Prayer - Menno Esch.
3. Secretary's Report - Eula Rogers.
4. Collection was taken up to pay for expenses of the day, amounting to \$9.20.
5. Business meeting.
 - Roy Miller elected President.
 - Glen Yoder, Vice President.
 - Mary Detweiler, Secretary.
6. Song - "Faith of Our Fathers" - led by Vera Yoder.
7. Talk on Stutesman Family - Ferd Stutesman.
8. Musical Selection - Donald Stutesman.
9. Song by Bonnie, June, Shirley, and Carol.
10. Chris and Ira Yoder gave talks on their first day in Michigan.
11. Duet with guitar accompaniment by Hilda and Boyd Rogers.
12. Else Troyer told of his first day in Oscoda County.
13. Melvin Shantz read some poems composed by his wife, Reathel.
14. Duet by Vera and Mabel Yoder.
15. Closing song - "God Be With You Till We Meet Again".
16. Closing Prayer - Menno Esch.

FOURTH ANNUAL REUNION — 1940

No record available.

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FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION — 1941

The Fifth Annual Stutesman reunion was held in the front yard at the home of R. L. Miller in Fairview. The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, O. L. Stutesman.

The opening song "America" was led by Arla Stutesman and prayer was offered by Eli Bontrager. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

It was moved and seconded that we keep a record of the committees appointed each year. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that we keep a roll call. Carried

It was determined that the Secretary is also the Treasurer.

Motion made by O. J. Miller that we take up a collection to have some engraving done on the tombstone for Grandpa, Grandma and Aunt Fanny Stutesman, and to use what surplus is left for fixing the graves. Carried.

Moved by J. M. Stutesman and seconded by O. J. Miller that Harry Mast take charge of this work. Carried.

Moved that we send printed invitations and programs to each member of the Stutesman family. Carried.

The new officers elected for the coming year were:

Pres. - J. M. Stutesman.

Vice-Pres. - O. J. Miller.

Sec. & Treas. - Eloise Yoder.

The collection amounted to \$13.23.

After the business meeting, a program was rendered which consisted of songs by a group of girls and then the male chorus, directed by Levi King, gave a program of songs entitled, "The Christian Life."

Solo - Jean Kolb.

Committees for reunion -- 1942.

I. Reception Committee (O. L. Stutesman - Susie Rogers)

II. Program (J. M. Stutesman - Vera Yoder)

III. Overseer of Grounds (Harry Mast)

IV. Food (Mrs. Chris Yoder, Pearl Mast, Fannie Miller, Ella Miller)

V. Entertainment (R. L. Miller, Harold Sharp, Ed Gascho)

SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION — 1942

The Sixth Annual Reunion was held Aug. 1, 1942, at the Fairview High School, 251 persons were registered and presented with a colored ticket according to their descent.

Games and fun of all kinds were played in forenoon.

Dinner was pot luck and well served. After dinner a short program was held.

This consisted of: Mrs. Glen Yoder led the group in the song "Whistle and Hoe", accompanied by Don Stutesman at piano.

Prayer offered by Oren Detweiler. Secretary's report read and approved except a little confusion as to how many years the reunion had been rendered. It was decided 1942 reunion would be the fifth, later a number of people notified the Secretary that 1942 was the 6th annual reunion.

A talk and explanation concerning the family tree by F. F. Stutesman of Onaway. He suggested that a publishing committee be appointed to help collect all the material. This was put to a motion

and seconded. Carried.

It was moved and seconded that the officers of the following year determine whether there be a reunion next year. Carried.

The new officers for the coming year were:

President - Roy Miller

Vice-President - Ira Yoder

Sec. & Treas. - Vera Yoder.

Collection amounted to \$14.18..

After the business meeting Baseball and other sports, visiting were the highlights of the day.

There was an exhibit of old family photographs which were enjoyed by all.

COMMITTEES FOR 1947:

Reception: J. M. Stutesman, Mrs. Mable Yoder, Mrs. Verda Stonebraker, John Stutzman.

Programs: Mrs. O. L. Stutesman.

Entertainment: Harry Mast, Ed Gascho, Glen Yoder, Pauline Miller, Velda Handrich, Norma Reber.

Lunch: Ruby Handrich, Anna Sharp, Geneva Kauffman, Nettie Detweiler, Lela Miller, Nina Wyman.

Family Tree Publication Committee: F. F. Stutesman, Chairman and publisher; Mrs. Ira Yoder, Miss Marie Stutzman, Mrs. Elmer Reber, Miss Fanny Miller, Mrs. Willis Miller, Mrs. Clarence Stonebraker, Mrs. Della Barkey.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REUNION — 1947

Meeting was called to order by the president. Following roll call the Secretary's report was read and approved. Election of officers was next in order. Verda Stonebraker was unanimously elected president. Carl Yoder was unanimously elected vice-president. Mable Yoder, Arla Stutesman and Nettie Detweiler received nominations for secretary-treasurer. Arla Stutesman received the most votes and was declared elected to the office.

Tilson Rogers, with Arla Stutesman at the piano, led the audience in the singing of "Music In The Air", and "Swanee River". Following a discussion led by Millard Stutesman, it was decided to record each reunion on movie reels for the benefit of the younger generation.

The motion was made by Willis Miller and supported by Sanford Mast that the executive committee appoint someone to record the Family Reunion on movies and pictures from year to year.

The collection amounted to \$31.00.

Ferd Stutesman reported on the Family Tree. It was decided that the publication committee previously appointed be responsible for the printing of the genealogy in book form.

The meeting closed with a solo by Burnell Stutesman.

Vera Yoder, Sec.

Committee for 1948:

Due to the absence of vice-president, Carl Yoder, Lloyd Miller was selected.

Reception - Susie Rogers, Nina Wyman.

Program - Floyd Esch, Ellen Troyer.

Entertainment - Tilson Rogers, Burnell Stutesman, Marilyn Troyer, Josephine Rogers.

Lunch - Leatha Stevens, Katie Miller, Fannie Miller, Clara Miller, Glada Kauffman.

Picture Committee - Millard Stutesman.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REUNION — 1948

Meeting was called to order by vice-president, Lloyd Miller. Following roll call the Secretary-Treasurer's report was read and approved. Election of officers was next in order.

Nominations for President: Harry Mast, Clayton Miller. Harry Mast was elected.

Nominations for vice-president: Lloyd Miller, Clayton Miller and Bob Miller. Clayton was elected.

Nominations for Sec.-Treas.: Nina Wyman and Vera Yoder. Nina was elected.

Vera Yoder led the audience in the singing of hymns: "Cling To The Bible", "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms", "Faith Of Our Fathers", "My Faith Looks Up To Thee", "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross", "Abide With Me". Male Quartette: Milt Rogers, Boyd Rogers, Tilson Rogers, Harry Mast.

Songs by the children.

Hymn History - Mabel Yoder.

Mixed Quartette - "The Church By The Side Of The Road" - Mabel Yoder, Irene Yoder, Floyd Yoder, Harry Mast.

Talk - "Our Christian Heritage" - Harvey Handrich.

Male Quartette Closing Prayer.

An informal picture was taken of the group by Millard Stutesman. This will be on exhibition at the next meeting.

Offering amounted to \$24.53.

It was voted to take all funds above expenses of food, etc., for photographic work.

F. F. Stutesman reported the progress being made in the printing of the geneology in book form.

Arla Stutesman, Sec.

COMMITTEES FOR 1949

Reception Committee - Reathel Shantz and Edith Stutesman (?)

Program - Omer Stutesman, Gretta Stutesman, Roy Miller. . . .

Lunch - Pearl Mast, Verda Stonebraker, Alice Reber, Clara Sharp, Fay Miller.

Entertainment - Paul Kauffman, Walter Kauffman, Jesse Miller, Bonnie Stutesman, Norma Reber, Carol Miller.

Picture Committee - Millard Stutesman; Chauncey Miller substituted as chairman of program committee.

NINTH ANNUAL REUNION — 1949

The meeting was called to order by president, Harry Mast.

Roll was called by families. Those present responded by rising to their feet to be counted.

David Stutesman 0

Teracie Yoder 46

Barbara Kaufman 21

Sarah Miller 2

Lydia Mast 2

Jerry Stutesman 28

Katie Miller 11

Mary Miller 7

Oldest person present - Mrs. Emmert.

Youngest person - Floyd Esch's baby girl, aged 4 weeks.

People from greatest distance - Mr. and Mrs. Barkey, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Nominations for president - Verda Stonebraker and Millard Stutesman. Millard was elected.

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Moved and supported Verda act as Vice-President. Motion carried.
Nomination for Secretary-Treasurer. Nettie Detweiler. Moved
and supported that nominations close. Motion carried.

There was a question as to whether Reunion should be held every
other year instead of annually. It was voted to have it every year.

It was also voted to continue to have it at Fairview High School.
Collection amounted to \$27.80.

As voted last year, it was agreed that we turn in all funds not
used to cover expenses to Millard for photographic work.

Nina Wyman, Sec.

Program as follows:

Community Sing, led by Boyd Rogers, Ima Stutesman Post at piano,
"Blest Be The Tie That Binds", "Abide With Me".

Prayer - Clifford Yoder.

Recitation - "On The Friendly Road" - Verna Jean Miller.

Report on Aunt Sarah' Family - Artie Miller.

Song - "Savior Hear Us, We Pray" - Kristine, Marlene and Clarice
Miller.

Song by Audience "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Prayer - Floyd Esch.

COMMITTEES FOR 1950

Reception Committee - Bob Miller and Anna Mary Yoder.

Program - Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Esch.

Lunch - Mildred Neff, Arla Stutesman, Katie Miller.

Entertainment - Milt Rogers and Clifford Yoder.

Elmer Sharp acted as vice-president instead of Verda Stonebraker.

TENTH ANNUAL REUNION — 1950

August 5, 1950. The day of the 10th Annual Reunion dawned
bright and clear, so we hurried away early, to be there in good time
for the program and business session, which was held before dinner.
As a change from the usual program, Mr. Carrington Eddy showed
a moving picture of a fishing trip he and his wife took in Canada,
which was very interesting. Millard Stutesman also showed a short
reel of a moving picture taken at the former reunions. Also a few
pictures of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ira
Yoder. A short business session was conducted by Millard Stutes-
man, President. The Secretary's report was then read and accepted.
F. F. Stutesman reported on the progress being made of the family
history book.

The results of the election of officers for the 1951 Reunion result-
ed as follows.

President - Susie Rogers.

Vice President - Chauncy Miller.

Secretary-Treasurer - Ruby Handrichs.

Two hundred forty five people registered as attending the 1950
gathering. Divided into families as follows: Teracie, 90; Jerry, 60;
Barbara, 30; Kate, 30; Mary, 12; Sarah, 8; Lydia, 8; David, 2.

The past year, since the 1949 Reunion, took from our midst 2 of
John and Fannie's children, Katie and David. Katie passed away Dec.
31, 1949, and David on March 20, 1950; two grandchildren also passed
away during the year; Ervin, son of David, died March 15, 1950, just a
few days before his father, and Della, daughter of Kate.

Only two of Stutesman's children remain at the time of the 1950
reunion, Sarah and Mary. Rebecca, widow of Jerry, is still with
us and attended the reunion.

This ended our 1950 reunion.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REUNION

The Eleventh Annual Stutesman Reunion was held at the Fairview High School at Fairview, Michigan, August 4, 1951.

At 10:30 the people were called to the assembly for the program. The program was opened by singing "America" led by Edith Stutesman, with Reathel Shantz at the piano.

J.M. Stutesman showed some Conservation pictures and the pictures taken at previous reunions.

The secretary's report was read by Mrs. Rudy Handricks. The election of officers for the next year resulted in Floyd Esch being elected President; Artie Mille, Vice President; Freda Troyer, Sec-Treasurer.

A collection was taken which amounted to \$29.03.

F.F. Stutesman gave a report on the progress of the family his-

tory, stating that the book would now be printed.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Harvy Handrick.

A pot luck dinner was served to the 249 attending. The number from each family attending were Tarracia, 82; Jerry, 56; Lydia, 2; Sarah, 4; David, 2; Barbara, 46; Katie, 32; and Mary, 15.

The following officers were in charge of the 1951 Reunion:

President, Susie Rogers; Vice-President, Chance Miller; Sec-Treasurer, Rudy Handrick.

Reception Committee: Rollen Stutesman, Reathel Yoder, Harry Mast. Entertainment Committee: Edwin Gascho, Frank Miller, Chris Miller; Program Committee: Clayton Miller, Anna Mary Yoder, J.M. Stutesman; Lunch Committee: Verda Stonebraker. Pearl Mast, Donna Roe, Carrie Miller, and Freda Troyer.

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(Oldest Child — John and Fannie Stutzman)

Teracie Stutesman was born in Holmes County, Ohio, August 1, 1856. Her childhood was spent on a farm with her parents, and her education was all in German, possibly received through her church. She did not learn to talk, read or write English until after she was married. When she was 16 she moved with her parents to Howard County, Indiana and at the age of twenty two, on January 20, 1878, she was married to Noah C. Yoder. They bought a farm one half mile north of the village of Plevna, Indiana, where she worked very hard helping to care and provide for her large family. There were eleven children: one son died in infancy: Ira N. b October 5, 1878; Ellen, b January 30, 1880; Chris E. and John E., twins, b May 10, 1882; Cora May, b March 11, 1884, d August 8, 1901; Genettie, b October 13, 1885; Jesse E. b October 31, 1886; Lilly, b June 29, 1888; Lora, b December 2, 1889; and Artie, b November 6, 1891.

They lived on their farm for a number of years and then sold it and moved into the village of Plevna, where they operated a saw mill just outside the village limits. In or about the year 1899 the Loud Lumber Company of AuSable, Michigan, came into the community and offered for sale large tracts of cut over land in Oscoda County, Michigan. The N. C. Yoder family was one of the first to move into Oscoda County, Michigan. The move was made in 1901. Their farm was located one mile west and one mile south of what is now the Village of Fairview. Their married children made the move with them and bought adjoining acreage. They cleared their land and built a large house and a large barn. They had a nice home and enjoyed their life with their family.

Her daughter-in-law, Verna, says of her: "Mother Yoder had a very quiet, sunny disposition and we who came into her family as sons and daughters-in-law, found in her a real mother. We learned to love and appreciate her very much. In her late fifties she became afflicted with creeping paralysis and was an invalid in a wheel chair for three years. She passed away in August, 1914.

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IRA N. YODER

(Teracie - John and Fannie)

Ira N. Yoder was the oldest child of Teracie and Noah C. Yoder. He was born near Plevna, Indiana, on October 5, 1878, grew up on his father's farm. Attended school at Plevna and on December 31, 1899 he married Verna A. Rogers, a neighbor girl. The marriage rites were read by Andrew J. Troyer at Plevna, Indiana.

Children:

Nina Leora, b January 20, 1901; Curtis Orlando, b October 15, 1903; Reathel Jeanette, b July 26, 1905; Glen Orvin, b September 15, 1907; Carl Everett, b September 12, 1916.

"I grew up in a home with four brothers and five sisters, all of them younger than myself. We lived on a farm one half mile north of Plevna, a little village in Howard County, Indiana. I started to school at the age of seven and went until I was through the eighth grade.

In those early days I helped with the chores, such as feeding horses and cattle and hogs. When I was twelve years old I began driving a team and helping with the farm work. My father had a cider press, a sugar cane mill, where we made sorghum molasses, a saw mill, a clover huller, a threshing machine and hay baler. I helped with all the different kinds of work he was engaged in, which kept me pretty busy all the time. When I was 21 I did take time to get married. After we were married my wife and I rented rooms from a neighbor, Miss Bartie Kurn and lived there about 15 months.

In April, 1901 we, with a number of other families said goodbye to relatives, neighbors and friends in Indiana and started for our new home in Oscoda County, Michigan. This was a great adventure for most of us who had never been more than fifteen or twenty miles away from Plevna. The country was so new and strange and different when we got here that it seemed we were thousands of miles from our old homes and friends. But we liked it up here very much, although we had to learn many new things and new ways of farming.

Before we moved here, father had been here and bought 160 acres of land that was uncleared. He had also rented a farm from Dave Watson, a mile east and a half mile south of where the village of Fairview now stands. Father's farm was one mile west and a mile south of Fairview. We all lived together on the Watson farm the first summer. During that summer father sawed lumber and built a house on his farm and part of the family lived in the new house the first winter. The men sawed the timber for a new barn, which was built the second summer.

My wife and I, and little daughter lived on the Watson place two years, then we bought eighty acres across the road from father's place and built

a house and moved there in the Spring of 1903. We lived on this farm for forty two years. Those first years were spent in clearing the land and getting it under cultivation, building a house and barn, building fences and planting an orchard. For a number of years I worked on the saw mill in the winter time. Then I bought another forty acres of land. After that most of my time was spent in farming. After the children were all grown up and gone, the work became pretty hard for us, and in the fall of 1944 we sold the old homestead and bought a few acres on the north side of Fairview which we call our home. It's a nice place to live and we enjoy it, but it can never mean to us what the old home did, where we raised our family of five children, saw them grow up, get married and establish homes of their own. Yes, there is something sacred about the old place that don't mean a thing to anyone else but us—I. N. Y.

NINA LEORA YODER WYMAN

(Ira - Teracie - John and Fannie)

Nina Leora Yoder was born in Plevna, Indiana, January 20, 1901. The same year of her birth she came to Oscoda County Michigan with her parents where she grew up and took her place in community life with the other members of the family. On July 31, 1926, she was married to Lloyd F. Wyman, at Morris, Michigan. Rev. Wm. P. Schlitt performing the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Wyman have three children:

Waevah Jeanett, b April 12, 1929; Evert Foster, b September 3, 1930; Clifton Carvel, b July 25, 1933.

"I attended grade school in one of the first log school houses in Oscoda County, known as the Gusler school and F. F. Stutesman was one of my first teachers. When the 9th Grade was offered at Fairview in the Town Hall, I enrolled. Then I worked for F. F. Stutesman in the creamery office for a year and a half to earn enough to take a secretarial course at Ferris Institute. From Ferris Institute I went to work for the Perry Woolen Mills for a couple of years. Then to Lansing where I was employed by the Michigan Educational Company until I was married to Lloyd Wyman in 1926. Afterwards I worked occasionally for the Smith G. Young Real Estate, at the Capitol National Bank and for Dr. C. C. Crissey. Then I was needed at home full time for 'Lloyd Wyman and family', and have kept steadily at that ever since.

CURTIS ORLANDO

(Ira N., Teracie — John and Fannie)

Curtis Orlando Yoder was born near Fairview, Michigan, on October 15, 1903. He was married to Mabel I. Beachy in 1931.

Rev. Menno Esch performed the ceremony.

He has two children: Irene Elizabeth, b October 2, 1938; Olen Curtis, b January 26, 1942.

"I lived on a farm with my parents one mile west and three-fourths mile south of Fairview until I was 21 years old. I started to school when I was six years old at the Gusler school, one mile west of Fairview. My first teacher was Ferd Stutzman. I quit school when I was 16 years old to work for Milton Rogers in the woods. When I was 21, I went to work for Clayton O'Harra, building M-33 between Fairview and Comins. In 1926 I went to Monroe, Michigan, to work on the road for Ford Edwards. In September, 1926, I went to Alma to work in the Steering Wheel factory, where I stayed until 1930, when I came back to Fairview, and bought a farm one mile west and one mile south of Fairview. In 1931 I married Mabel Beachey. We lived on my farm until 1943, when we moved onto the farm we now have, located three miles north and three miles west of Mio.

We always have and do now belong to the Fairview Mennonite Church.

REATHEL JEANETTE YODER SHANTZ

(Ira, Teracie — John and Fannie Stutzman)

Reathel Yoder was born near Fairview, Michigan, on July 26, 1905, grew to womanhood in the community of her birth. On December 27, 1925, she was married to Melvin Shantz and started house-keeping on a rented farm a mile south and a quarter mile west of Kneeland.

They have five children: Merlin Carlyle, b Nov. 13, 1927; Bryce Roger, b July 18, 1929; Anna Alverta, b May 16, 1932; Ardith Majel and Judith Myrtle, twins, b April 14, 1935.

"I was born one mile west and three fourths mile south of Fairview. I attended the Gusler School, one mile west of Fairview, but never went beyond the eighth grade. After I quit school I stayed at home until I was married. My husband had rented a farm 1 mile south and a quarter mile west of Kneeland, where we lived for about eight years. Then we bought a farm two miles west and one mile south from Fairview, where we have lived for sixteen years.

GLEN ORVIN YODER

(Ira - Teracie - John and Fannie)

Glen Orvin Yoder was born near Fairview, Michigan, September 15, 1907. He was married to Vera Mae Zook, on August 13, 1937, Rev. Moses Steiner reading the marriage rites. They have four children:

Cecil Glen, b Nov. 5, 1941; James Rogers, b July 12, 1943; Kathleen Grace, b May 4, 1946; Ronald Roy, b February 23, 1948.

From here Glen tells his own story:

"Lived on a farm while attending school in Comins Township. Left school to work on my father's farm. Worked as assistant cook in the Guilford's Lumber Camp one winter. For the next five years I worked at the Dow Chemical plant at Midland, Michigan, as pipe fitter. Bought 80 acres from the Noah Yoder Estate and began farming in 1933. We now own 240 acres, with about 150 acres under cultivation. Am a member of the American Red Dane Association and Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

"My family and I belong to and attend the Old Mennonite Church."

CARL E. YODER

(Ira N., Teracie — John and Fannie)

Carl E. Yoder was born at Fairview, Michigan, Sept. 12, 1916. On Aug. 21, 1948, he married Lois Oyer at St. Johns, Michigan. Rev. Dan S. Oyer, father of the bride, performing the ceremony.

"My childhood was spent on the farm one mile west and three-fourths mile south of Fairview, Michigan. That is, the time that wasn't spent at Uncle Chris Yoder's home (which was a mere quarter of a mile north of our own home), since they had four children practically my own age, with whom I spent as much of my time as my parents would allow. These four childhood chums were Lois, Lloyd, Clara, and Elois Yoder. We had many fine times and many fine fights.

"At the age of seven (1923 Carolyn Bushman, now Mrs. Claud Harder, took on the job of starting me in formal education. After that first year, Ed Schmidt took over the task, and he stuck at the job through all the grade school years. I spent my high school years as well as the grade school ones, at the Fairview School. However, my high school years were interrupted by three years of absence between the sophomore and junior classes. After graduating from high school in 1937, I took a year's business work at the Central Michigan College at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, after which I spent a year working at home for my father and for the Fairview Creamery.

"In July, 1939, I began working in the Identifica-

tion Bureau of the Michigan State Police at East Lansing, Michigan.

"In July, 1942, after a period of almost three years to a day, this work was interrupted by the draft, and I found myself in Civilian Public Service at Medaryville, Indiana. My first year of regimentation was spent in this camp, until June, 1943. The next six months found me in a Dairy Farm Unit at Adrian, Michigan. In December, 1943, I was transferred to Akron, Pa., and remained there until my release from Civilian Public Service in March, 1946.

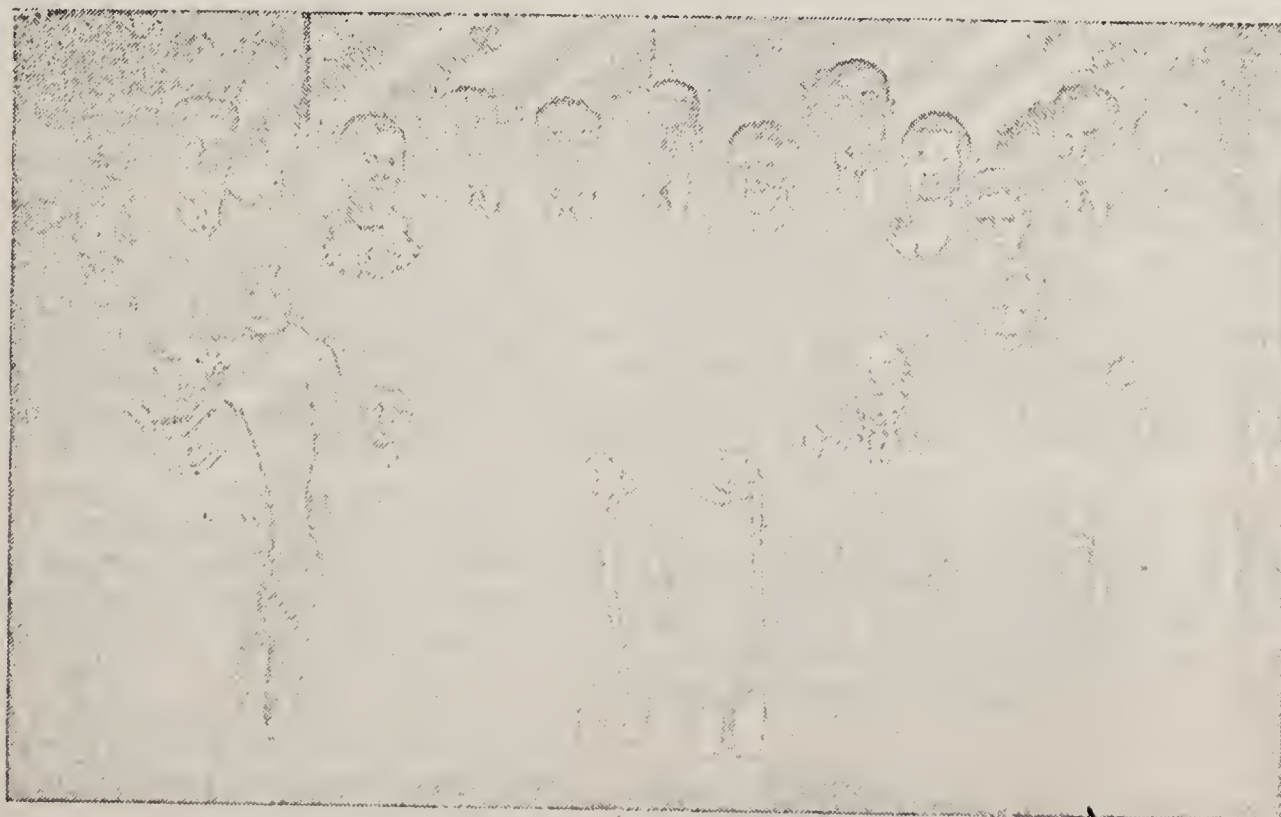
"During the summer of 1946, I worked for the business office of Goshen College, and entered school in the fall as full-time student. I graduated in June of 1949 and immediately afterwards took a job, for the summer, at the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. In September, a class of twelve men, of which I am a member, enrolled in the nursery school. If plans carry, we will receive our Degrees in September, 1952.

"My wife taught at Goshen during the school term of 1948 and 1949 and is now teaching at Yeaton, a suburb of Philadelphia. Our church membership is with the Mennonite Church at St. Johns, Michigan."



Noah C. Yoder

Terrecia Stutzman Yoder



The Ira Yoder Family, picture taken in 1937.

Ella

ELLA YODER

(Teracie — John and Fannie)

Ella, the second child of Teracie, was born in Howard County, Indiana, January 30, 1880 and moved to Oscoda County with her parents in 1901. On March 22, 1905, she was married to John D. Kaufman, at Fairview, Michigan, Rev. Eli Bontrager performing the ceremony.

Soon after marriage they moved on a farm east and south of Fairview, where they have lived since. Here she brought up her family of five, three boys and two girls: Paul, b January 10, 1906; Geneva, b October 3, 1907; Noah, b March 7, 1910; Violet, b May 20, 1912; Ora, b August 17, 1916.

PAUL KAUFMAN

(Ella - Teracie - John and Fannie)

Paul E. Kaufman, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kaufman, was born near Fairview, Michigan, January 10, 1906.

"I am living on my farm East and South of Fairview, owning and operating the 'Rich Valley' Poultry Farm. I am an old bachelor and will probably stay that way."

GENEVA KAUFMAN

(d of Ella, d of Teracie, d of John and Fannie)

Geneva Kaufman was born on a farm south and east of Fairview, October 3, 1907.

On April 3, 1929, she was married at Fairview, Michigan, to Harry Kaufman, son of Jacob and Lena Kaufman, Rev. Moses Steiner reading the marriage rites. Soon after marriage they moved on a farm 4½ miles north of Mio, where they are now living.

Children:

Regina, b May 26, 1930; Wayne, b July 12, 1931; Okie, b October 8, 1932; Vada Fern, b March 8, 1934; Loretta, b December 18, 1935; Orlen, b Nov. 7, 1938; Thomas, b December 27, 1941; Delta, b September 1, 1944; Dennis, b September 1, 1944; Elsie, b October 14, 1947.

She writes: "I won't give much of my history; the book would be too fat, and it is so uninteresting.

"Was raised on the same farm where I was born. Went to school at a small country school which was called Finch School. I graduated from the 8th Grade when I was 14.

"I then stayed at home and worked for my parents to try to repay them for what they had done for me. I worked at Midland the winter I was 19; also the next winter. The winter after that I worked at a hospital near Farmington, Mich., doing practical nursing. The next spring I was married and moved on a farm 4½ miles north of Mio. We have lived here ever since."

NOAH KAUFMAN

(s of Ella, d of Teracie, d of John and Fannie)

Noah Kaufman was born on a farm near Fairview, Michigan March 7, 1910. On August 25, 1934, he was married to Marie M. Aaschliman of Archbold, Ohio. Rev. Theo Klandt performed the ceremony.

He has two children: James Wade, b July 21, 1935; Ned, b January 25, 1940.

When he was 19 years old he went to Midland and worked for Bailey Brothers for 11 years. Later he worked in the Dow Chemical plant. In 1940 he bought a farm near Midland where he now lives.

VIOLET KAUFMAN TROYER

(d of Ella, d of Teracie, d of John and Fannie)

Violet Kaufman was born near Fairview, Michigan on May 20, 1912. She was married to Joe Troyer, by Rev. Menno Esch on December 2, 1933.

The children born to her are: Darwin Clinton, b August 6, 1934; Donald Ray, b October 4, 1935; Cletus Wilfred, b September 12, 1937; Nelson Lowell, b October 31, 1939; Orlo Marvin, b October 28, 1945.

"For nearly a year after marriage we lived in Fairview, but in September, 1934, we moved to Luzerne to the J. A. Utley farm, where we lived until January 2, 1936. On a very stormy day we moved back on our farm at Fairview, but still we were not satisfied to stay there and again moved to the Henry Solomon Farm about 15 miles north of Fairview, on the 1st day of April, 1936. It seemed the weather liked to give us a welcome because it blowed and snowed as hard as possible on moving day. But we got settled in spite of the weather. We stayed on the Solomon Farm for three years, not because it was such a pleasant place to live, but because the second winter I wasn't away from the place from Christmas until Easter. And the folks I saw that I knew, could easily be counted on my fingers. We didn't have very good snow plow service in those days, but with 150 sheep to care for, 100 cows to feed and a dozen cows to milk, one man didn't get much time to loaf.

"In March we moved back on our own beloved farm, 1½ miles south of Fairview, where we expect to stay. In 1947, we built a nice new barn, which makes it more pleasant and we are looking forward to the time when we will have a nice new house to match the barn."

ORA KAUFMAN

(s of Ella, d of Teracie, d of John and Fannie)

Ora Kaufman, the youngest in Ella's family, was born August 17, 1916. He has farmed the home farm since becoming of age. Always lived on the place of his birth. Unmarried.

Chris

CHRIS E. YODER

(s of Teracie, d of John and Fannie Stutzman)

Chris E. Yoder was born May 10, 1882 on a farm near Plevna, Howard County, Indiana. He married Edith M. Rogers on December 26, 1903, at Mio, Michigan. The Rev. Robert G. Lyon performing the ceremony.

Children: Ralph A., b July 28, 1906; Verna Ruth, b August 31, 1908; Clifford E., b March 17, 1912; Lois Marie, b November 14, 1913; Lloyd C., b March 27, 1917; Clara E., b June 24, 1918; Elois W., b April 19, 1920; Delton Ray, b March 19, 1923, d Feb. 29, 1924.

"I was born on a farm $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Plevna, Howard County, Indiana, one of a pair of twin boys. We were named Chris E. and John E., after our grandfathers, instead of the usual habit of being given names that are similar. We grew and developed as all normal children do and started to school at the early age of five. We walked a distance of $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to the White School. A few years later, the school being too crowded, there was a new district organized and a new school house built $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of Plevna and I attended school there until I was sixteen and old enough to go to work.

My father also had a saw mill, threshing machine, clover huller and hay baler. When I was about 14 years old he sold the farm and we moved to Plevna where we lived for 12 years. Besides working his machinery he did some farming for others. When I went with the crew I fired and operated the traction steam engine. In the year 1900, a Mr. Code from Ausable, Michigan, came to Plevna, telling about the wonderful opportunities in Northern Michigan, where the Loud Lumber Company had a large tract of cut-over land for sale, cheap. So a number of men from the community, being given excursion rates, went to see this land of promise and some of them bought 80 acres or more.

My father bought 160 acres and the following spring we said "good bye" to the Hoosier friends and moved to Oscoda County, Michigan. It was almost a wilderness compared to what we had been accustomed to. There were, however, some very nice farms with mostly log buildings on them, as it was not possible to have lumber sawed and the logs were plentiful. My father's saw mill was a great help to those who needed buildings, so this hopeless looking country has grown and developed in many ways, until we are glad to call it home, as long as we need an abiding place on earth.

We now have good roads, good schools and several good churches, where all, if they so wish, may worship regularly. As we grow older that should be our chief concern in life.

RALPH YODER

(Chris - Teracie - John and Fannie)

Ralph Yoder was born at Fairview, Michigan, on July 28, 1906. He was married to Anna Mary Esch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Esch, at Middlebury, Indiana, on February 15, 1931. Rev. D. D. Miller of Middlebury performing the ceremony.

Children: Delmar Ray, b August 3, 1935.

My education was grade school. I started to school in the South Fairview School. I also attended at the Gusler and North Fairview Schools, and Fairview School.

For several years in the late 20's, I worked at the Dow Chemical Co., at Midland. I also worked for Henry Solomon for about two years before I was married. The first two years of married life I spent in Indiana; most of the time I was running a bread route.

Since returning to Oscoda County I have been a school bus driver, worked on the county highways, and owned my own truck and did custom trucking. For the last 6 years I have been working at the Fairview Creamery.

VERNA RUTH YODER BIRCHMEIER

(Chris - Teracie - John and Fannie)

Verna Ruth Yoder was born August 31, 1903 at Fairview, Michigan. She was married to Alfred Birchmeier, on June 16, 1934, at Maplegrove, Mich. Marriage took place in St. Michael's church, Rev. Fr. A. O. Basler reading the ceremony.

Children:

Agnes Marie, Jan. 10, 1935; Maxine Ruth, Dec. 10, 1935; Dennie Alfred, Dec. 18, 1938; Marjorie Ann, Nov. 12, 1940; Frederick Elmer, Sept. 25, 1946; Susan Irene, Dec. 12, 1947.

I was graduated from Mio Agriculture High School, June 14, 1929. That fall I entered Central State Teachers College and attended a year and a summer. I taught school for three years before marrying. I met my husband my first year of teaching.

He has always been employed at the Chevrolet Motor Co., in Flint, where we lived the first couple of years.

After our first three children were born we moved to Maplegrove Township, Saginaw County, near New Lathrop, where we have lived since. Just a mile from his childhood home.

CLIFFORD E. YODER

(Chris - Teracie - John and Fannie)

Clifford E. Yoder was born March 17, 1912, near Fairview, Michigan. He is unmarried and working the home farm.

For me, life has been quite uneventful. I began school in my sixth year at Gusler school, which burned down on June 20, 1920. The term of school was finished in a vacant house, south of the former school site. The next term all the pupils of our district were transported to the North Fairview School by Manley Layman, with a team of horses and a covered wagon. A couple of years later the present school at Fairview was started and now has grown into an accredited 12 grade high school. Because of financial conditions, I quit school in the ninth grade to help on the farm, which occupation I am still following.

During World War II, I spent three years and eight months in CPS camps, working for Uncle Sam. While there, I met men and boys from many different occupations and religions. We learned a great many things that were useful and made some very fine friendships that we will long remember, although we are scattered and may never meet again in this world.

I am now back on the farm, doing my bit to help feed the folks that depend on the farmers for their daily bread.

LOIS YODER PERRY

(Chris - Teracie - John and Fannie)

Lois Yoder was born near Fairview, Michigan, November 14, 1914. She was married to Joseph Perry at the Comins Church, on December 25, Rev. Paul Kreft officiating.

Children:

David Floyd, September 22, 1946.

Attended the North Fairview School my first year, until the new school was built at Fairview, where I finished the first ten grades. I took the last two grades at Mio, where I graduated with the class of 1931.

I entered the West Branch County Normal in the fall of 1934. Graduated in June 5, 1935. Got a school at Hemlock, Michigan, at the tremendous salary of \$60.00 per month (on which I saved money).

For the next five years (1935 to 1941) I taught the Byrnes School at Merrill, Mich., which I enjoyed very much. Thinking five years was long enough at one school I moved over to the Basted School, which I taught for three years. (1941-44).

On Christmas Day, 1943, I was married to Joseph Perry at the Comins Church by Rev. Paul Kreft.

We lived at Merrill until January 1, 1947, when

we sold our home and went to Florida for a vacation.

In May we moved to Montague, Michigan where we bought property and operated "Perry's Park", which is a restaurant and picnic ground.

LLOYD C. YODER

(Chris - Teracie - John and Fannie)

Lloyd C. Yoder was born near Fairview, Mich., March 27, 1917. He married Alice E. Talbot at New Lathrop, Michigan on July 31, 1945. The marriage took place in the Church of the Nazarene with Rev. A. L. Beard officiating.

Children

James Lloyd, July 1, 1946; Robert Christian, Aug. 8, 1948; Rebecca Alice, August 8, 1948.

I spent my early years on my parent's farm one mile west of Fairview, Michigan, and attended school at Fairview. Graduated from high school in May, 1936, and then worked on the farm for one year. I worked for E. L. Shantz in the Fairview Creamery for a while, but didn't like it too well, so I went back to farming on the large George Baily farm near Comins. Finally, in the autumn of 1941 I went to Dayton, Ohio and took up carpenter work with Chester Detweiler for some time. When I came back to Michigan and worked in the Buick plant in Flint, Mich., until March, 1943, when I enlisted in the United States Navy. Took my boot training at Camp Perry, Williamsburg, Va., and later was stationed at Camp Endicott, R. I. From there I went to the West Coast near San Francisco, California. In August, after a few week's furlough spent at home, and a few weeks before we set sail for the SW Pacific, we were stationed in Southern California, near Los Angeles. After a long voyage, our first stop of only six days was at Caledonia. Seemed so nice to see land again, even if we could not set foot on it. Our next stop was Russel Island in the Northern part of the Solomon group, where we built airplane bases. We kept moving north until we finally reached the Philippines, from which place I received an unexpected furlough to come home. While waiting for a ship I had a chance to come as far as Honolulu by plane and took it, because I was very anxious to see the good ol' USA and home. I landed in San Francisco on July 16, 1945. I spent one month in Michigan. During that time I was married and spent a couple of weeks honeymooning in Oscoda County, and the Upper Peninsula. I returned to Camp Endicott and was put in replacement. I probably would have had to go across again soon if the Japs hadn't decided to give up. I was discharged the latter part of October and came directly to Michigan and have been employed in Owosso, where we have a home at the present time.

CLARA E. YODER BIRCHMEIER

Clara E. Yoder was born on a farm near Fairview, Michigan, June 24, 1918. On July 6, 1940, she was married to Harold J. Birchmeier, of New Lathrop, Michigan, in the St. Michael's Church. Rev. Fr. Bosler, officiating.

Children:

John Douglas, Nov. 18, 1942; Stephen Harold. March 4, 1950.

I grew up on a farm near Fairview, Michigan and attended the Fairview School from September, 1925 to May 12, 1937, when I was graduated from high school. Money was scarce here, as always, so I didn't go to college. In the fall of 1937 I entered the Business Institute at Saginaw, for one year. I held positions as filing clerk in the Michigan Compensation Commission office at Alma, Flint and Detroit. I was transferred to the United States Employment Service, also in Detroit. Worked there until May, 1942, when I took up the duties of a farmer's wife, where I have been employed since.

While employed at U. S. Employment Service, I worked up from Clerk to Jr. Interviewer. Worked from September, 1938 to May, 1942.

my husband's parents until their new house was completed and moved into it in June. During the war, by some miracle, my husband wasn't taken, exempt because of the family at first and later as a farmer.

ELOISE W. YODER

(Chris - Teracie - John and Fannie)

Eloise W. Yoder was born on a farm near Fairview, Michigan, on April 19, 1920. She was married to Herbert W. Yoder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Yoder, at Comins, Michigan. Rev. Frank Mitchell, pastor of the Comins Mennonite Church, officiating.

Larry Dean, July 3, 1942; William Leroy, October 7, 1944; Patricia Lynn, March 24, 1947; Jerry Lee, February 20, 1949.

I have spent practically all my life on a farm, first as a farmer's daughter and later as a farmer's wife. I graduated from the Fairview High School with the class of 1939. I was in the upper one-third and received the honor pin in my class. Would have liked to have taken up nurse's training, but as that seemed impossible at the time, I took what ever work was available. I worked in the drug store and postoffice at Fairview, during 1940 and 1941.

In October, 1939, I went to Saginaw, where I worked for a short while as a part time maid, but as I didn't care for that kind of work, I went on to my sister's and helped her until Christmas time and then came home again. I was still undecided what to do when the opening at the drug store came, which I enjoyed very much.

I was married on September 14, 1941, at the Comins Church by Rev. Frank Mitchell. After a short honeymoon trip, I continued to work at the drug store until the end of the year. We lived with

John E.

JOHN E. YODER

(s Teracie, d John and Fannie Stutzman)

John E. Yoder was born a twin brother to Chris, on May 10, 1882, near Plevna, Indiana. He came to Oscoda County, Michigan, with his parents in 1901. On May 13, 1906, he married Lizzie Troyer, daughter of Emmenual Troyer, at the home of her parents, by Rev. Ely Bontrager.

Children:

Elvin Emery, Nov. 8, 1907 (deceased: died in infancy); Mabel May, Oct. 24, 1908; Mary Irene, Dec. 1, 1910; Leah Pearl, Jan. 16, 1912; Beulah, Aug. 2, 1914 (deceased: died of cholera in infancy); Luella, Dec. 18, 1916 (deceased: leakage of heart); Clara Leriene, Sept. 25, 1918; Elmer Laverne, Sept. 27, 1921 (deceased: was drowned in Smith Lake, July 8, 1937).

I was born in Indiana, lived there until 1900. I was 18 when my parents moved to Fairview, Mich. I was married in 1906. In 1917 I moved to Kent and Ionia counties. Lived there for 5 years. In 1922 we moved back to Oscoda County and lived there since. My wife died September 29, 1946.

In my life time I've farmed more than any other work. I worked on saw mills, threshing machines, at Footsite Dam, and Mio Dam, and was with the State Highway Department for seven years.

MABEL MAY YODER BARKER

(John, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Mabel Yoder was born near Fairview, Michigan, on October 24, 1908. She was married to Marion V. Barker at Comins, Michigan on Sept. 14, 1939, by Rev. Frank Mitchell.

Children:

Linda May, September 27, 1946.

I went to school until I was 16. At that time my mother was taken sick, so had to quit and stay and do the housework. I was in the 8th Grade then.

We moved around quite a bit and that set all of us back in our school work. Since I was the oldest child, it was up to me to take care of mother during her illness.

After mother was well again I started to work out. My first job was at the hotel in Comins, which was operated by Malotts at that time. I worked at The Island Lake Camp for Boys one summer, then I went to Midland where I was employed by the Lee Laundry for nearly five years. The last six years before I was married, I worked for Henry Solomon at Fairview, doing housework. It was while working for Solomons that I met my husband who came up deer hunting. We went together for ten months before we were married.

The day after we were married, we came to St. Louis, my husband's home town. We lived in his foster parent's home until December 27, 1947, when we moved into our new home.

Marion, my husband, spent 31 months in the Army during the war, serving in Europe for 24 months.

He came home two years ago. He has a good job and we are very happy.

MARY IRENE YODER BARKER

(John, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Mary Irene Yoder was born near Kneeland, Mich. December 1, 1910. She was married to Benton Barker at Comins, Michigan by Rev. Frank Mitchell.

Children:

James Eugene, March 10, 1937; John Christian, Sept. 13, 1938; Glada Mae, May 31, 1940; Clara Belle, Jan. 25, 1942; Ruth Ann, March 17, 1944; David Marion, June 30, 1945.

When I was a small child my father moved to Kent County, where my father found employment on a farm and worked at one place and another for 5 years. Then we moved back to Oscoda County. I worked at home most of the time, helping with the farming, until 1936, when I went to work for George Richardson, where I met my husband. We have lived in Fairview most of the time since.

P. S. Since Benton has regained his health (which he lost in 1940) and our boys are getting big, we would like to move on a farm or small place where we could go into chickens, as that is the kind of work Benton enjoys most. We were on a farm in 1940, but Benton had too much on his hands, resulting in heart trouble. Just this last April 25, he was healed and can now work again as much as his age will permit. He was 69 April 27.

LEAH PEARL YODER FOX

(John E., Teracie, John and Fannie)

Leah Pearl Yoder was born near Kneeland, Mich. January 16, 1912. She was married to Orin L. Fox, at Fairview, Michigan, on December 24, 1939, by Rev. Moses Steiner.

Children:

Doris Ann, Oct. 3, 1940; Willard Orin, August 2, 1943, Marilyn Kay, April 22, 1945.

I lived with and worked for my folks most of my life. We lived in Kent and Ionia Counties for quite a number of years. I went to three different schools while there. In 1922 my folks moved back to Oscoda County where I finished school at Fairview, Mich. My mother became ill, so at the age of 15 I quit school. In 1935 I went to Midland to work. In 1937 I went to E.M.S. (now E.M.C.) for a six months Bible term, then went back to Midland for about 7 weeks; from there I came back to Oscoda County. The first year I raised 50 ducks. In the fall of 1939 I started to work for Henry Solomon until December 23.

After our marriage, we lived in St. Louis, Mich. for nearly six years, then we bought my Dad's farm and have been living here since. I am a house wife and my husband's helper. I enjoy helping my husband and working outside.

CLARA LORIENE YODER NEUHAUSER

(John E., Teracie, John and Fannie)

Clara Lorienne Yoder was born in Ionia County, Michigan, September 25, 1918. She was married to Elam R. Neuhauser, at Fairview, Michigan on Dec. 28, 1946 by Rev. Floyd Bontrager.

Children:

None.

I was four years old when my parents moved back to Oscoda County near Fairview. I spent all my life at home on the farm until I was married. Soon after marriage we moved to Pompeii, where we are engaged in farming. Went through the 8th Grade in the Fairview School.

Attended and became a member of the Fairview Mennonite Church. Since I am married I have transferred my membership to the Bethel Mennonite Church at S. Ashley.

Nettie

NETTIE YODER ESCH

(Teracie, John and Fannie)

Nettie Yoder was born near Plevna, Indiana, Oct. 13, 1885. She was 16 when she came to Oscoda County with her parents in 1901. She was married to Meno Esch, March 25, 1906, at the home of her parents, by Rev. Eli Bontrager.

Children:

Lilly M., Feb. 8, 1907; Reuben M., November 5, 1908; Esther M., March 18, 1910; Floyd W., Sept. 21, 1911; Ellen L., Sept. 22, 1913; Velma Pearl, Aug. 25, 1915, who died Feb. 5, 1918; Chriss A., May 12, 1917; Ira D., Dec. 4, 1920; Claude D., Jan. 8, 1924.

My father, Noah C. Yoder, with his family, lived on a farm $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of Plevna, Indiana, until 1897, when we moved to Plevna, where we lived for four years, when we moved to Fairview, Michigan, arriving April 3, 1901. We first lived East and South of Fairview, on the farm now owned by Ross Stonebraker. Then we moved on a farm 1 mile west and $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of Fairview.

I went to school every winter from the time I was 6 until I was 16, when we moved to Michigan. My school days ended in Indiana, and even though they seemed to be the best days of my life, I never cared to go to school in Michigan, but stayed at home with my folks on the farm. At the age of 19, I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour and united with the Mennonite Church. The services were held in the little log school known as the Gusler School. The following summer the first church was built. On the 25th day of March I was married to Menno Esch and went to live with him on his farm three miles west of Fairview, in a little house, 12x16. We lived in the house the first summer, then built an addition to it which consisted of a bedroom, and a sitting room. With this house, we got along very well for a while, but as time went on and children came into our home, we needed more room to be comfortable, so in 1911 we built a new house in which we lived until 1945, when Claud, our youngest son was married. We rented him the old homestead and built a new home in South Fairview, where we are now living.

My husband was ordained to the Ministry on Dec. 3, 1906, and as Bishop in April 8, 1909. This added new responsibilities and more work. But the Lord has been good to us and we owe everything to Him.

LILLIE ESCH GILLIS

(Nettie, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Lillie Esch was born Feb. 8, 1907 on a farm west of Fairview. On October 6, 1937, she was married to Ernest A. Gillis at LaJunta, Colorado, by Rev.

Allen H. Erb.

Her husband had three children by a former marriage: Eugene Garland, Nov. 26, 1925; Jerry Wilmarth, Feb. 10, 1929; Joy Ollie Mae, May 13, 1931.

Children born to Lillie are:

John Floyd, Dec. 29, 1938; Joan Elizabeth, Feb. 6, 1940; Jesse David, July 24, 1941; James Henry, July 21, 1943.

Eugene was married to Delores Dreasel, August 12, 1946. They have one son, Jarod Samuel, born August 14, 1947 and one daughter, Kathlene Joy, July 1, 1949; Jerry drowned in Smith Lake, August 5, 1948.

I went to the Biggs School from 1914 to 1920. Then I attended the Fairview School from 1920 to 1923. The next two years were spent at home. I graduated from the Mio High School after having attended that school for two years.

The next year I worked as a practical nurse in a children's hospital near Detroit. The years from 1928 to 1932 were spent at Goshen College where I graduated with an A.B. Degree. The years 1932 and 1933 I taught in the Mio High School.

In the fall of 1933 I entered nurse's training in the Mennonite Hospital School of Nursing, from which I graduated in 1936. During my affiliations in the Denver General Hospital I met my husband-to-be. The first job I had after graduation was general duty nursing in Colorado University Hospital in Denver, where I worked for one and a half years. After my marriage in 1937, I was supervisor of the T.B. Sanatorium in La Junta for one year. Since that time I have worked at various times at the Santa Fe Hospital and the Mennonite Hospital in La Junta.

In 1941 I moved with my family to Oscoda Co. from Otero County, Colorado. Since living in Oscoda County I have taught six years in the Fairview High School, where I am still employed. In 1942 we bought the Ab Miller farm, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Fairview, and sold it in 1948 and bought the Meno Steiner place, at which place we are living at present.

REUBEN ESCH

(Nettie, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Reuben Esch was born on November 5, 1908. On January 7, 1945 he married Mavis Reber at Pigeon, Michigan, Rev. T. E. Schrock performing the ceremony.

Children:

Barbara Nov. 24, 1947; Betty Ann, Nov. 19, 1948.

I am a farmer and bulldozer operator. Our farm is northwest of Mt. Tom and consists of 400 acres.

ESTHER ESCH YODER, Jr

(Nettie, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Esther M. Esch was born on a farm west of Fairview, Michigan, March 18, 1910. Graduated from Goshen College Academy in 1929, graduated from the Mennonite School of Nursing at La Junta, Colorado in November, 1934, graduated from Ontario Bible School, March, 1936. Did private nursing since. She was married to Joseph B. Yoder, Jr. September 28, 1940, at the Fairview Mennonite Church, her father, Rev. Menno Esch reading the rites and an uncle to Mr. Yoder, Peter Swartz of Turner, Michigan, preaching the wedding sermon. They are living on a farm near Mio.

FLOYD W. ESCH

(Nettie, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Floyd W. Esch was born on the banks of Smith Lake, west of Fairview, Sept. 21, 1911. He married Donna Handrich, Dec. 25, 1941. His father reading the rites, at the Fairview Mennonite Church.

Children:

Terrance Lee, Dec. 17, 1942; Rosemary, July 9, 1949.

I have taken two years of High School. I worked on the farm most of my life. I spent 45 months in C.P.S. doing work that was classified by Colonel Kosch and General Hershey as highly important. Eleven months as a DHIA Supervisor. The rest of my life was spent for the Department of Conservation on Indiana, Nursery and Game Farm work. I was drafted May 6, 1942 and released February 16, 1946. I am farming now and live on the west side of Mt. Tom.

ELLEN ESCH TROYER 24(2) Rev. T. E. Schuck

(Nettie, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Ellen Esch was born on a farm west of Fairview, September 22, 1913. On January 2, 1940, she married Era Troyer, her father performing the ceremony.

Children:

Melvin LeRoy, March 14, 1941.

Graduated from the Mio High School in 1932. Spent three winters in the Ontario Bible School and graduated from there in 1937. Most of the time I worked at home and doing house work in the community. I spent one winter in Elkhart, Ind. The first two winters of married life were spent in Detroit and the remainder on a farm near Fairview, Michigan.

CHRISS A. ESCH

(Nettie, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Chriss A. Esch was born near Mio, Michigan on May 12, 1917. On November 3, 1946, he married Kathryn Reber, his father reading the rites.

Children:

Dana Chriss, October 11, 1947.

IRA D. ESCH

(Nettie, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Ira D. Esch was born near Mio, Michigan on December 4, 1920. Married Velma Swartzenruber June 2, 1946, his father reading the ceremony.

Children:

MerriL Ray, December 9, 1948.

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3. Phil Ray April 23, 1952

CLAUD ESCH

(Nettie, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Claud Daniel Esch was born near Mio, Michigan on January 8, 1924. On May 2, 1945 he married Luella Mae Hendrich, daughter of Oliver Hendrich. His father, Rev. Menno Esch, reading the rites.

Children:

Leota Gail, April 10, 1946; Bruce Elden, May 27, 1947; Leta Kay, May 5, 1948.

Have lived on the home place all my life. Since my marriage I have been farming it. I went to the Fairview Agriculture School through the 10th grade. We bought the old Joslin place 3½ miles west of Fairview and moved there in September, 1949. Employed at the Miller Feed Store in Fairview, Mich.

Jesse

JESSE YODER

(Teracie, John and Fannie)

Jesse Yoder was born near Plevna, Indiana, Oct. 31, 1886. He married Sarah Stutzman, daughter of William Stutesman, at Chappell, Nebraska, on February 1, 1919.

Children:

Millard A., October 28, 1919; Doris, January 29, 1927; Laura Belle, August 26, 1930. All children were born in Chappell, Neb. Millard passed away November 16, 1943 and Laura Belle on December 5, 1949.

Will give just a brief story of my voyages. As above recorded, I was born on a farm near Plevna, Indiana, October 31, 1886. Lived on the farm until I was ten years old, when we moved to Plevna. I really thought that was good. Only a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from school. We lived there 4 years, then moved to Oscoda County, Michigan. At the age of 23 I left Michigan and started west. My first stop was in Illinois, then I went to Iowa, then to Kansas, then to Missouri, then went to Alberta, Canada.

Mother became ill at this time so I went home for the winter, but the next spring I went West again. Returned and farmed the home farm for two years and then mother passed away. After she was gone I felt very much alone and restless. I went to Maryland and farmed for a year and then moved on to New Port News. I got a chance to go to England on a mule boat. This took us four months and after I got back I struck out for the West again. I got a job running a steam engine during the harvest season and had a good run for work.

The next year I came to Chappell, got married and have been here ever since. However, before I was married I spent 18 months in the Army during World War I. After marriage we bought a small home west of town where we lived for a year, then moved to Colorado. We stayed in Colorado for three years and then moved back to Chappell. I bought a threshing outfit and for 17 seasons spent the harvest season threshing, when the combines came and there was no more threshing. I built a filling station and a cabin camp which we operated for ten years, from 1929 to 1939. Then I bought a farm, or rather a ranch. I ran cattle for a number of years until the work became too hard for a man of my age. I quit the ranch and started building houses in town. I have three houses now and am getting ready to build the fourth. I cannot take hard work any more but when I work for myself I can stop and rest any time I feel like it.

You asked for a few words and when I got started I couldn't stop. Use as much of this story as you like.

DORIS EILEEN YODER

(Jesse, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Doris Eileen Yoder was born in Chappell, Nebraska, January 29, 1927. She was married to Harry M. Ewing August 16, 1947. She has one son, Stevie Dwane, born July 7, 1948.

Lilly

LILLY YODER MILLER

(Teracie, John and Fannie)

Lilly Yoder was born at Plevna, Indiana, June 29, 1888. On January 28, 1906 she was married to Harve Miller at Fairview, Michigan by Eli Bontrager, then the pastor of the Mennonite church.

Children:

Menno E., April 2, 1907; Jesse E., November 24, 1908; Erie., October 6, 1910; Harry, March 28, 1912; Walter, August 5, 1916; Melvin, April 5, 1920.

I moved with my folks to Fairview, Michigan from Plevna, Indiana in April, 1901 and lived in this neighborhood most of the time. On January 28, 1906 Harve Miller and I were married. In 1912 we moved to Midland County and were there until 1915, when Harve sold his threshing machine (he had been threshing down there) and we moved to Oscoda County on the farm north of Fairview. We lived on this farm until 1918 when we traded it in on a farm two miles south of Fairview and farmed there until 1925. In this year we moved to Midland again where Harve had employment in the Dow Chemical Company. We were in Midland for three years and then moved back to Oscoda County again and have been living here ever since. We have a family of six boys, all of them married. We have 15 grand children ranging in age from one to twenty one years.

We now live in Fairview, where we have lived for 14 years.

MENNO MILLER

(Lilly, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Menno Miller was born at Fairview, Michigan, April 2, 1907. On August 31, 1927 he married Ina Miller at Midland, Michigan, Rev Floyd Bontrager reading the rites.

Children:

Ruby Arlene, Oct. 6, 1928; Norma Joan, June 14, 1930; Roger Roland, March 22, 1935; Arnold Dean, September 12, 1937.

I was born and raised near Fairview, Michigan. When I was 5, until I was 8 we lived at Hope, Mich. near Midland. When I was 18 I came back to Midland to make my fortune, hoping to return to the north country again, but met up with a young lady who played her part in changing my plans. So I am still at Midland, and still don't have my fortune. I have been working for the Dow Chemical Company for more than 25 years.

JESSE ELVIN MILLER

(Lilly, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Jesse Miller was born November 24, 1908 at Fairview, Michigan. On January 10, 1932, he married Lela Marie Gusler, daughter of George and Emma Gusler. They were married at Mio, Michigan by William Boener, a Justice of the Peace.

Children:

Forest Alvin, Feb. 25, 1933; Lyle Owen, November 14, 1934 and died Jan. 20, 1935; Darrel Ross, Nov. 27, 1935; Janet Ardel, June 18, 1940; Alan George, August 8, 1944; Teresa Joy, October 10, 1946.

Jesse had a talent for fixing automobiles even when he was a young boy. Later, he worked in various garages getting more experience. In Nov. 1933 he obtained a position as mechanic in the Fairview Garage. After nine years as a mechanic, he and his brother, Harry, bought the garage, jointly. That was in 1942, and they still own and operate the business, now known as Miller Brothers Garage.

Jesse has also been active in civic affairs, having served as Township Clerk 2 years, Township Treasurer, 2 years. At the present time he is Deputy Sheriff, township liquor inspector and key man for the Conservation Department.

ERIE MILLER

(Lilly, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Erie Miller was born near Fairview, Michigan on October 26, 1910. He married Neita Filmore Chaffe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Filmore at Midland, Michigan. He was divorced from her and later married Nettie Richardson on Feb. 21, 1942. He has one daughter, Joyce, born July 29, 1938.

WALTER MILLER

(Lilly, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Walter Miller was born near Fairview, Michigan, August 5, 1916. On December 19, 1938 he married Iva M. Aeschliman, daughter of Samuel Aeschliman at Archbold, Ohio, by Rev. Klaudt.

Children:

June Gay, an adopted daughter, born June 9, 1932; Eldine Mae, July 15, 1939; Geraldine Kay, May 12, 1941; Frederiek Gilbert, Sept. 13, 1943; Rhonda Rae, April 13, 1949.

I farmed until 1935 and have spent the rest of my time in the employ of the Dow Chemical Co. except 4½ months (August 2, 1945 to December 20, 1945) in the Army. I am living in Midland, Rte. 2.

HARRY MILLER

(Lilly, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Harry Miller was born at Fairview, Michigan, on March 28, 1912. On June 6, 1936, he married Fanny Troyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Trayer at Fairview, Michigan, by Rev. M. S. Steiner.

Children:

Lowell Dale, March 16, 1942.

MELVIN MILLER

(Lilly, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Mr. Melvin Miller was born April 5, 1920, near Fairview, Michigan. He is the youngest son of Harve and Lilly Miller. He was married to Opal Brown, July 9, 1949 and they are making their home at 1691 Roseville Roads, Midland, Michigan. He is employed at the Dow Chemical Company. He served 30 months in the United States Army during World War II. He was with the combat engineers in North Africa and Italy.

Lora

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LORA YODER

(Teracie, John and Fannie)

Lora Yoder was born in Plevna, Indiana on Dec. 2, 1889 and came to Oscoda County, Michigan with his parents in April, 1901. He worked for his father on the farm and saw mill until his marriage to Bessie Beachy, February 20, 1909. He was married by Rev Eli Bontrager. His wife passed away December 8, 1946.

Children:

Ernest, October 9, 1913; Vernon, July 21, 1915; Elwood, March 28, 1917; Viola, December 19, 1918; Reba, May 21, 1924; Melvin, January 6, 1927.

Soon after marriage he moved on a farm east of Fairview where he has made his home since.

ERNEST YODER

(Lora, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Ernest Yoder was born near Fairview, Michigan, October 9, 1912. He attended grade school at Grandview and one year of High School at Fairview. On January 24, 1939, he married Grace Melchi at Waseon, Ohio.

Children:

Maroni, June 27, 1940; Danny, June 6, 1942; Maxine, March 20, 1944.

He is now and has been employed by the Dow Chemical since 1936.

ELWOOD YODER

(Lora, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Elwood Yoder was born near Fairview, Michigan on March 28, 1916. On January 7, 1940, he married Elizabeth Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Weaver. Rev. Frank Mitchell, pastor of the Comins Mennonite Church, officiating.

Children:

Lloyd Milto, July 17, 1941; Raymond Floyd, Nov. 5, 1942; Kenneth Nelson, March 12, 1944.

I worked at home most of the time until I was 21. When I became of age I went to Detroit and worked for Packard Motor Co. for nearly four years, then came back and started farming on the J. A. Utley farm near Luzerne. I am still at it.

VIOLA YODER MAST

(Lora, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Viola Mast was born near Fairview, Michigan, December 9, 1918. She went to school from her parents farm, and when old enough began to work out. She married Harold Mast at Midland, Mich.

Children:

Phyllis, January 26, 1933; Maynard, December 21, 1934; James, July 21, 1937; Dean, January 28, 1938; DeLoris, August 20, 1939.

Viola was killed in an automobile accident near Midland, Michigan, while riding with her husband and family. The accident happened Dec. 15, 1941.

REBA YODER MAST

(Lora, Teracie, John and Fannie)

Reba Mast was born near Fairview, Michigan, May 21, 1924. She grew up on her parents farm and was married to Harold Mast, August 29, 1942, her sister's former husband.

Alice, August 25, 1943; Dale, March 4, 1945; Jean Elizabeth, April 15, 1948.

Her husband died December 19, 1949. She cared for her sister's children as well as her own. She is continuing to keep the family together since her husband's death.

Artie

ARTIE YODER BONTRAGER

(Teracie, John and Fannie)

Artie Yoder was born November 6, 1891 at Plevna, Indiana. She was married to Ray. E Bontrager, March 11, 1911, at the Fairview church with Rev. Menno Esch reading the rites.

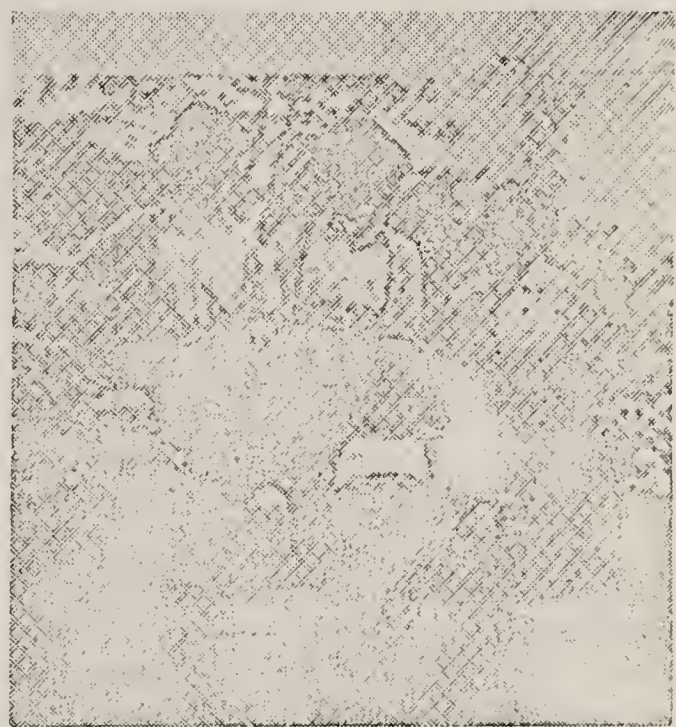
Children:

Harold Bontrager, July 22, 1915 (Adopted); Archie Bontrager, Feb. 23, 1918.

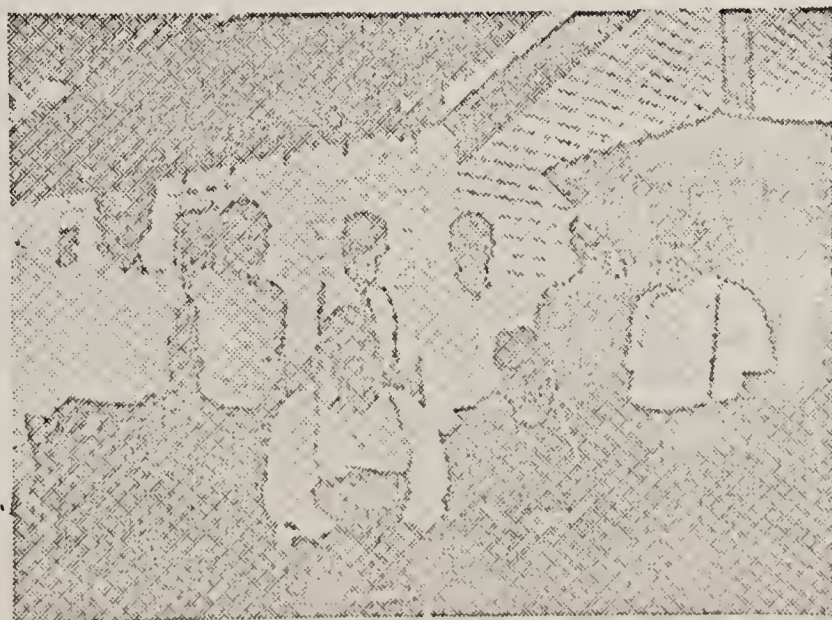
I lived on a farm near Plevna, Indiana, until I was four years old, when we moved to Plevna, where we lived until we moved to Fairview, Michigan in company with Grandpa Stutzman and Uncle Levi Kaufmans. Several families from Indiana and Ohio moved to Fairview at the same time. We were the first Mennonites that settled around Fairview. The country was very new with miles of solid timberland, very few roads. Roads were mostly those left by the loggers and cow trails. We lived in the new country for three years before there was a Mennonite preacher. Elsworth Troyer, a school teacher, had started a Sunday School in a log school where I attended school. The school was called the "Gusler" School.

After our marriage we lived in Fairview for six years, when we moved to Midland where we lived for three years. We lived near Ashley for four years, then moved back to Midland, where we lived for ten years. In the spring of 1944 we moved to White Cloud, where we now live.

There is nothing outstanding in my life. I have always lived on a farm. I have the happy privilege to know that I am the child of a King. Am very thankful that God saw fit to call me and adopt me into His Kingdom. I accepted that call at the age of 13 and united with the Mennonite Church, of which I am still a member and my aim and purpose is to be true as long as life shall last.



John, Vern, Della
Dave



LILLIE and Family

DAVE

DAVE STUTZMAN

(John and Fannie)

Dave Stutzman was born in Holmes County, O., July 27, 1859. He moved with his parents to Howard-Miami County, Indiana when a young man, and in 1879 he married Lydia Lininger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lininger. Lydia passed away January 12, 1890. Eight years later he married Carolyn Troyer, who died in 1931.

In 1900, when the rest of the Stutesman family were preparing to move to Oscoda County, he moved to Kokomo and lived there to the time of his death on March 20, 1950, in his 91st year.

For many years Dave was employed by the Leoch Ice Co., of Kokomo and later he worked for the Continental Steel Co. His off work interest was in the "Red Men's" band in which he played the Tuba. He attended the E. A. B. Church. On his last birthday, his 90th, the family gave a party featuring a birthday cake with 90 candles on it.

He had four children from his first marriage:

John, born June 29, 1881, Vern, born May 4, 1883, Dellah, March 2, 1886; Irwin, December 18, 1888. Two daughters from his second marriage: Ruth, Dec. 10, 1898; Esther, June 26, 1898.



Four generations of Stutzman
John — Dave — Janis — David

John

JOHN HENRY STUTZMAN

(Dave, John and Fannie)

John Henry Stutzman was born in Howard Co., Indiana on June 29, 1881. His mother died when he was nine years old and he made his home with his grandparents, John and Fannie Stutzman. He came to Michigan with them and stayed a few years and then left for Iowa, Louisiana, where he was married to Clara Dean Cook of Lake Charles, Louisiana on January 10, 1910.

Children:

J. Millard, August 10, 1910; Austin Garnald, Feb. 19, 1912; Inez Marie, August 7, 1915; Verna Agnes January 5, 1918; David Thomas, December 20, 1920; John Henry Jr., Sept. 16, 1923; Lloyd Winston, Nov. 24, 1925; Tessie Wanda, April 17, 1927.

For a few years after marriage John and his wife lived on a farm. He took a civil service examination for rural mail carrier and was accepted. He served as rural mail carrier out of Iowa, La., until 1942 when ill health compelled him to give up his work. He moved his family to Kokomo, Indiana in 1942 and lived there until 1944 when he moved to Pellston, Michigan, where he lived for three years. In the late summer of 1947 he moved back to Kokomo, Indiana, where he passed away in Nov.

J. MILLARD STUTZMAN

(John Henry, Dave, John and Fannie)

I was born near Iowa, Louisiana August 20, 1910, the oldest child of John and Clara Dean Stutzman.

I attended school in Iowa, Louisiana and later worked on farms around Iowa.

I was drafted into the Army in 1942, serving in this country and Italy and Africa.

I was discharged in 1945 and went to Michigan, where I lived on a farm near Pellston with my folks for two years.

I returned to Louisiana in 1947, moving to Lake Charles where I am at present employed as truck driver.



John Henry Stutzman's Children

AUSTIN G. STUTZMAN

(John Henry, Dave, John and Fannie)

Austin G. Stutzman was born in Iowa, La., Feb. 16, 1912. He was married to Francis G. Wintere January 14, 1938.

No children.

I have always lived in Iowa, Louisiana. I started to school in 1919, and finished high school in 1932 at Iowa High Schol.

For two years after I graduated I worked on farms and took any other work I could find. In August, 1934, I went to work for the Shell Oil Co. in their Iowa oil field. In July, 1934 I was transferred to Shell's Iowa Gasoline Plant, where I am still employed as an engineer.

In January, 1938, I married Genevieve Winters. We bought a home in 1940 and spend all our time working on it.

INEZ MARIE STUTZMAN

(John Henry, Dave, John and Fannie)

I was born near Iowa, Louisiana on August 7, 1915, the third child of John Henry and Clara Dean Stutzman.

I went to Grammar School and High School in Iowa, Louisiana, graduating in May of 1932.

After finishing High School I enrolled in Business College in Lake Charles where I completed a course in Bookkeeping and Shorthand.

I worked in Lake Charles for some time and also worked for a while as relief operator at the Iowa Telephone Exchange. In 1937 I started working in the Iowa Postoffice and continued there until 1942

when the family moved to Kokomo, Indiana.

While in Kokomo I was employed by the Haynes Stellite Company as operator of small table grinders.

In 1945 I moved with the family to Pellston, Michigan. While living in Pellston, I worked for the Michigan Public Service as billing clerk and bookkeeper.

In 1947 we moved back to Kokomo where I was again employed by Haynes Stellite Corporation until 1950 at which time we came back to Louisiana to make our home.

VERNA AGNES STUTZMAN

(John Henry, Dave, John and Fannie)

I was born January 5, 1918 in Lake Charles, La., daughter of John Henry and Clara Dean Stutzman.

When I was a small child the family moved to Iowa, Louisiana where I grew up and attended the public schools, graduating from High School in 1935.

I was employed for some time as clerk in a store in Iowa.

I moved with the family to Kokomo, Indiana in 1942, where I worked for the Delco Radio Division as inspector until 1944, when we moved to Pellston, Michigan.

I lived in Pellston, Michigan until 1946 when we again moved to Kokomo where I was employed by an electric appliance store.

Returned to Louisiana in 1950 to make my home.

DAVID THOMAS STUTZMAN

(John Henry, Dave, John and Fannie)

David Stutzman was born December 7, 1920 at Iowa, La. On December 27, 1941 he was married to Mila Mae Wright at Lake Charles, La., by Rev. E. R. Haug.

Children:

Janis Ruth, December 19, 1942; Joyce Gail, Jan 18, 1946, Phyllis Marie, April 19, 1947; Charlotte Ann, December 20, 1948.

I went to school at Iowa, La. to the 10th grade. After school I worked as service station attendant for two years, and in 1941 was married. In August of 1942 I entered the Army, and was assigned to the military police. Took my basic training in Camp Livingston, La. After four months of basic training, we moved to Pittsburg, Pa., and stayed there for the duration of the war. Received my discharge on February 15, 1946.

After returning to Nederland I went to work for the Bell Telephone Company and stayed until Dec. 1946. In January next I went to work for the Pure Oil Company's Smith Bluff refinery here in Nederland as a laborer. Since then I have been promoted to No. 3 operator. I expect soon to be No. 2 man. July 3, 1950, Nederland, Texas.

Vern

JOHN HENRY STUTZMAN

(John Henry, Dave, John and Fannie)

John Henry Stutzman, II, was born in Iowa, La. September 16, 1923. He moved with his family to Kokomo, Indiana in 1942 and to Pellston, Michigan in 1944, and back to Kokomo in 1947 where he expects to be married in September, 1950. August 1950, Kokomo, Indiana.

LLOYD WINSTON STUTZMAN

(John Henry, David, John and Fannie)

I was born November 24, 1925 near Iowa, La., the seventh child of John Henry Stutzman.

I attended the public schools in Iowa, Louisiana until 1942 when the family moved to Converse, Indiana, where I continued my high school studies until we moved to Kokomo in 1943.

I worked for the Dr. Pepper Bottling Works and later at Haynes Stellite.

I moved with the family to Pellston, Michigan in 1944 where I worked on the family farm, and also for a while with a contractor in Petoskey, Michigan.

I joined the army in April, 1946. I was overseas from the fall of 1946 until August of 1948, when I returned to the States to finish out my three year enlistment.

I rejoined the army in 1949 in Beaumont, Texas, and have been stationed at Camp Hood, Texas, where I am at present.

TESSA WANDA STUTZMAN

(John Henry, Dave, John and Fannie)

I was born in Iowa, Louisiana on April 17, 1927, the eighth child of John Henry and Clara Dean Stutzman.

I went to grammar school in Iowa and entered High School there in 1940.

In 1942 we moved to Converse, Indiana, where I continued my High School education until 1943, when we moved to Kokomo.

We lived in Kokomo until 1944 when we moved to a farm near Pellston, Michigan. We lived there until November of 1947, when we moved back to Kokomo.

We lived in Kokomo until May of 1950, when we moved back to Lake Charles, Louisiana.

VERN STUTZMAN

(Dave, John and Fannie)

Vern Stutzman was born at Waupecong, Indiana. May 4, 1883. On February 4, 1904, he married Manie Lee Pierce of Iowa, Louisiana, daughter of John and Sarah Pierce. Rev. Hundley performing the ceremony.

Children:

Floyd P. Stutzman, Feb. 12, 1905; Irma, October 31, 1911; Vern F. February 18, 1921.

My mother passed away in 1890. I made my home with John Meyers for a number of years. After that I worked at several different places. I went to the Studebaker school through the 11th grade. In 1900 I went to Illinois where my aunt, Mary Miller, lived, and made my home with her until I got married. Later in 1900 I went to Louisiana. I engaged in rice farming for a while and later drove a school bus for 27 years. I operated a gasoline service station in connection with the school bus activity. I retired in 1948. I am still living in Iowa, Louisiana.

IRMA STUTZMAN ESTES

(Vern, Dave, John and Fannie)

Irma Stutzman was born in Iowa, Louisiana, Oct. 31, 1911, married to Joe A. Estes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus A. Estes of Welsh, La. Rev. S. H. Yockey of Lake Charles, La., read the wedding rites.

Children:

Shirley Carole, August 3, 1935; Joe Evans, March 9, 1942.

I was born and grew up in Iowa, La. Finished Iowa High School in 1928. I am a graduate of the Chenier Business College of Beaumont, Texas. Worked for a time for an Insurance and Real estate Agency in Beaumont, but have lived here in Iowa since my marriage. I am a member of the Methodist Church and a teacher in the Sunday School. My husband owned and operated a filling station for several years, but has been working for a Chemical Company for about seven years. At the present time he is a shift supervisor for the Southern Alkali Corporation. We own our home here and also own six apartments, which we rent.

VERN F. STUTESMAN

(Vern F., Dave, John and Fannie)

Vern F. Stutzman Jr. was born in Iowa, La. February 18, 1921. Graduated from High School in 1940, spent one year at the McNuse Junior College and two and a half years in the Naval Reserve. Saw twenty three months duty in the Guadalcanal area and further north (August 1942 to December 1944). Since his discharge he was employed as a general office worker. He is an accomplished musician and is currently employed as a pianist.

Dellah

DELLA STUTZMAN CABLE

(Dave, John and Fannie)

Della Stutzman was born near Waupecong, Indiana, on March 2, 1886. Her mother died when she was four years old, and she went to her grandparents to live.

The information I could get about Della was very sketchy. She lived with her grandparents near Waupecong, Indiana so long as they lived. She worked where she could find suitable work to support herself.

In 1927 and 1928 she lived in Oscoda County, Michigan and returned to Converse, Indiana to marry Frank Cable. Her husband passed away in Converse, Indiana in the Spring of 1945.

IRVIN STUTZMAN

(Dave, John and Fannie)

Irvin Stutzman was born near Waupecong, Indiana, December 18, 1888. His mother died when he was not quite two years old and he and his sister Della went to live with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lininger. He lived there until he started out for himself.

He served in World War I, and while home on furlough he married Jane Showalter, December 24, 1918. She passed away on August 22, 1936. He lived in Detroit for a number of years and then moved to Kokomo, Indiana and then to Converse, Indiana where he and his sister lived together for a number of years.

On February 20, 1946, he married Clara Overhultz in the Methodist Parsonage at Converse, Indiana. Rev. Mack Burnett read the marriage ceremony. According to the testimony of his surviving wife, the four years they were permitted to live together were the happiest of both their lives. Irvin was in failing health for a number of years but continued to work up to a few weeks before his death. He died at his home in Converse, Indiana, March 15, 1950. He was accorded a military funeral and was laid to rest in the Converse I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

ESTHER STUTZMAN SCHRADER

(Dave, John and Fannie)

Esther Schrader was born June 26, 1898 near Kokomo, Indiana on November 24, 1921, she was married to Harold E. Schrader by Rev. Larkabell. She and her family are living at 312 Vaile Ave., Kokomo, Indiana, the home of her father for many years.

Children:

Dorothy, January 22, 1923; Charles William, April 28, 1928; George, July 3, 1932.



John and Clara Stutzman

LYDIA

LYDIA

(John and Fannie Stutzman)

Lydia Stutzman was born in Holmes County, Ohio, on January 28, 1857. She moved to Howard County, Indiana with her parents in 1873, where she was married to Jerry D. Mast on January 16, 1881. She died on February 23, 1901. She was the mother of 9 children.

Ida Eldora, July 14, 1881. She died February of 1883; Fannie, March 27, 1883. She died on August 23, 1947; Samuel, October 31, 1885; Orlando, January 23, 1888; Della, May 17, 1890; Albert, September 19, 1892; Sanford, February 21, 1895; Dola, January 12, 1897; Allen Edward, June 17, 1900.

Fannie

FANNIE MAST UNZICKER

(Lydia, John and Fannie Stutzman)

Fannie Mast was born in Howard Co., Indiana, March 27, 1883. She moved with her parents to Illinois in 1900, where she married Rolland John Unzicker on March 23, 1903.

Children:

Vernon A., October 10, 1903; Grace Malinda, March 26, 1905; Charles Edward, July 12, 1907; Paul Lester, November 12, 1909; John Emerson, April 28, 1912.

Vernon A. was killed by an airplane accident in Cleveland, Ohio, when he was hit by a propeller, on Dec. 30, 1929. Grace died in 1910. John E. lived only a day, died April 29, 1912.

Fannie passed away in Elkhart, Indiana on Aug. 23, 1947.

CHARLES EDWARD UNZICKER

(Fannie, Lydia, John and Fannie)

Charles Edward Unzicker was born in Tuleta, Texas, July 7, 1907. He married Dorothy Hazel Mommott, daughter of George and Ida Mommott at Goshen, Indiana on May 14, 1927.

Children:

Robert Edward, May 25, 1933; Richard Neal, August 12, 1934; Jeanette Marjoria, May 5, 1936. All the children were born in Elkhart, Indiana.

August, 21, 1950

140 North 6th Street, Elkhart, Ind.

LESTER UNZICKER

(Fannie, Lydia, John and Fannie)

Lester Unzicker was born in Tuleta, Texas, November 12, 1909. He married Eliose Deye at Newport, Kentucky on June 7, 1932.

Children:

Vernon P., April 16, 1933 at Brownstown, Ind; Barbara Jean, September 24, 1934, at London, O.; Larry, April 13, 1936; David Dale, August 14, 1937; Mary Lu, July 27, 1939; the last three were born in Elkhart, Indiana.

I started to school in Freeport, Illinois. Moved to Elkhart, Indiana, in 1916. Went to the 4th Ward, 5th Ward, Weston, Beardsley and Samuel Strong grade schools and the Central High School.

At the age of 16, I started to work at the Elkhart Brass Manufacturing Co., as a core maker. Stayed there for about six months and then went to work for the Wies Sheet Metal Works for a few months. In December, 1926, at the age of 17, I enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to Co. K, U.S. Infantry. I served for three years and then re-enlisted in the Air Corps and served in the 63rd Service Squadron, stationed in the Canal Zone. I was discharged in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1932. I was married the same month I was discharged and we moved to Brownstown, Indiana, where our first child was born. In 1933 we moved to London, Ohio, where we lived for three years. In 1935 we moved to Elkhart, Indiana, where I delivered ice for a year, operated a bread route for two years, and worked for the Brass Mfg. Co. for two years. In 1941 we moved to South Bend, Indiana, where I worked for the Bendix Products Corp. for two years and then moved to Seal Beach, California, where I worked for Oil Field Construction Co., as maintenance mechanic until I entered the service in 1944. I served in Italy for 11 months and was discharged in 1945. After coming home to my family we moved to Buena Park, California, where we decided to settle down.

August 21, 1950

Buena Park, California.

Orlando

ORLANDO MAST

(Lydia, John and Fannie)

Orlando Mast was born in Howard Co., Indiana, January 23, 1888. He married Christine Weber, at Cullan, Illinois on October 20, 1914, by Rev. Fr. White.

Children:

Charles O, Dec. 6, 1920, at Cullan Ill.; Durwood L., August 9, 1923; Donald A. January 21, 1932, at Vermontville, Michigan.

We started farming in 1915 near Cullan, Illinois. We lived there six years, then we bought a farm near Sunfield, Michigan and moved here in 1922 where we are now living. Our farm has 260 acres and we do general farming. Our son, Donald, does most of the farming now.

Aug. 1950, Vermontville, Mich.

CHARLES O. MAST

(Orlando, Lydia, John and Fannie)

Charles O. Mast was born in Kempton, Illinois, December 6, 1920. He married Lucille Larsen, at Hastings, Michigan, on March 4, 1946, Rev. John Dillon performing the ceremony.

Charles lived on a farm most of his life. He went to grade school eight years and graduated from Sunfield High School. He was inducted into the army in 1942 from Kalamazoo, Michigan. He was shuffled from one training camp to another and was discharged in 1943. He was stationed at Fort Custer; Camp Lee, Virginia; Fort Royal, Virginia; Fort Robinson, Nebraska; Panama; Jackson Barracks, Louisiana and back to Fort Robinson, Neb., from where he was discharged.

In December, 1943 he went to work at the Motor Wheels, Lansing, where he was employed until April, 1946. In March, 1946, he had bought a farm near Sanbee Lake and moved on it in April, where he is now living.

Aug. 1950, Vermontville, Mich.

DURWOOD L. MAST

(Orlando, Lydia, John and Fannie)

Durwood L. Mast was born in Vermontville, Michigan, on August 9, 1923. On February 15, 1947, he married Madeline Peabody, at Lake Odessa, Michigan, at rites read by Rev. Donald M. Farrell.

Children:

Durwood Michael, Feb. 2, 1948, born at Vermontville, Michigan; Duane Cecil, March 27, 1949, born at Hastings, Michigan.

Durwood has farmed his father's farm near Sunfield, Michigan, for 2 years when he moved to a farm north and west of Sunfield.

Aug. 1950, Vermontville, Mich.

Albert

ALBERT E. MAST

(Lydia, John and Fannie)

Albert E. Mast was born September 19, 1892, near Plevna, Indiana. On January 1, 1920, he married Ethel Pauline Neff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Neff of Goshen, Indiana. The Rev. J. A. McInturff officiated at the marriage ceremony.

Children:

Shirley Eileen, July 19, 1934; Karen Ann, June 14, 1938. Both children born in Elkhart, Indiana.

I was born near Plevna, Indiana. At the age of 1 year we moved to Illinois where my mother passed away in 1900. When I was 13 we moved from Illinois to Wakarusa, Indiana. In the meantime my father married the second time. In 1914 I started to work at the carpenter trade. In 1916 I enlisted in World War 1. In Aug., 1918 I was sent overseas where I spent 11 mos. I was returned to this country in June, 1919 and was discharged the following July. Immediately after marriage we moved to a farm in Eaton County, Michigan, where we lived for six years, when we moved back to Elkhart, Indiana. I am now employed by Kistner & Son, a general contracting firm.

Sanford

SANFORD MAST

(Lydia, John and Fannie)

Sanford Mast was born near Arthur, Illinois, Feb. 21, 1895, and lived there until he was 12 years old, when he moved to Indiana with the family. On May 12, 1923 he married Eva Peabody, daughter of Cyrus Peabody of Goshen, Indiana. Rev. J. A. McIntuff performing the ceremony.

He quit school when he was sixteen years old, working on farms near Elkhart until he was 21. After he became of age he went to the city of Elkhart and worked in a factory until World War I broke out. He served in the army for two years and 18 days. After the war he tried farming in Michigan, but didn't make a go of it. He returned to Elkhart, Indiana, and started working for C. G. Conn Co., manufacturers of musical instruments, where he stayed for 25 years. He says, he still hasn't any money, but has had a happy married life, and about all I need to get along in this world. I like most of all kinds of sports, especially fishing, tennis. I love my Lord and am happy in his service.

Dola

DOLA MAST BARKEY

(Lydia, John and Fannie)

Dola Mast Barkey was born near Arthur, Ill., on January 12, 1897. She moved to Elkhart, Ind., when she was 9 years old. On June 16, 1917 she was married to Elmer H. Barkey by the Rev. David A. Yoder.

Children:

Mildred Kathleen, January 27, 1918; Opal Elizabeth, September 8, 1923; Fern Della, November 18, 1923.

She has lived on a farm all her married life.
August 1950, Mishawaka, Indiana

MILDRED BARKEY EBY

(Dola, Lydia, John and Fannie)

Mildred Kathleen Barkey was born on a farm near Elkhart, Indiana, on January 27, 1918. After weathering all the storms of youth through High School, she became the wife of Charles Elroy Eby on June 7, 1936 in a ceremony performed by Rev V. O. Vernon, pastor of the Tamorock Methodist Church.

Children:

Donald Eugene, born October 17, 1936; Frederic J., May 5, 1938; Margaret Ann, April 10, 1945, Marlin K., August 24, 1949.

I was born on a farm east of Goshen, Indiana where we lived until I was three. At this time my parents moved on a farm in St. Joseph county about five miles south of a little town called Osceola, and a scant half mile from where my father and mother were born. My parents still live there. I started to school at the Sunnydell school when I was six. After two and a half years, they built a four roomed consolidated school and named it the Boner School, from which I finished common school. I graduated from the Waukarusa High School in 1936.

Soon after graduation I married Charles Eby, a neighbor farm boy. We lived on the home place for nine years and farmed. In 1945 we moved on the farm which is our present home. Our older children are attending the same Boner School I attended when a girl.

We are members of and regular attendants of a little Methodist Church and Sunday School about 2 1/2 miles from home.

September 1950, R.F.D. 1, Cedar Road, Waukaruss, Indiana.

FERN BARKEY HENDERSON

(Dola, Lydia, John and Fannie)

Fern Barkey was born in St. Joe County, Mich., on November 18, 1924. On June 1, 1947 she was married to Ansel Anderson, at the Olive Mennonite Church, by Rev. Russell Kraybill.

Children:

Brian Lee, April 27, 1948, at Sterling, Illinois, Linda Lou, December 26, 1950, at Elkhart, Indiana.

I graduated from Goshen College in May, 1945 with a B. S. Degree. I taught school for a year and a half. My husband is employed in the cost department at Lawrence Bros. Manufacturing Co. of Sterling, Illinois.

Allen

ALLEN EDWARD MAST

(Lydia, John and Fannie)

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Allen Edward Mast was born near West Ridge, Illinois, on June 17, 1900. On November 17, 1923, he married Cora Lucille Long at Goshen, Indiana.

Children:

Betty Lucille, April 7, 1925; Gerald Eugene, Nov. 15, 1926; Richard Lee, November 12, 1935; Patricia Ann, December 18, 1937. All the children were born in Elkhart, Indiana.

I was born at West Ridge, Illinois, near Arthur at which place my mother died when I was 7 mos. old. My father remarried when I was six years old and we moved from Culland, Illinois, to Wakarusa, Indiana, near which place we lived until I graduated from the 8th grade in 1916. During the next two years I worked for my brother, Orlando, on his farm near Culland, Illinois. In the year 1919 I obtained employment at the C. G. Conn Musical Instrument Manufacturing Co., of Elkhart, Indiana, where I completed my 30th year in February, 1950. I have assembled every kind of brass band instrument manufactured by the company. At present I am assembling sousaphones.

I met Cora Lucille Long at Milford, Indiana in 1923 and married her on November 17, that same year. We lived in Elkhart until 1947, when we moved to Clear Lake near Three Rivers, Michigan. Five years ago (1942) we purchased 20 acres on the shores of this lake with the idea of some day retiring here. We have built a permanent home and hope to build a few cottages for rent. My oldest daughter, Betty, and son, Gerald, live in Elkhart; the other two are living with us and seem to thrive on this country life.

August 1950, Route 3, Three Rivers, Michigan

JEREMIAH

JEREMIAH STUTESMAN

(John and Fannie)

Jeremiah Stutesman was born in Holmes County, Ohio, on April 23, 1863. He moved to Howard County, Indiana, with the family in 1873 where he helped his father clear up a farm. On July 24, 1887, he married Rebecca King, a neighbor girl living just across the section. The marriage was performed by Rev. Andrew Troyer.

Children:

son of Absolom King + Susan Hostetter
 Ferdinand Franklin, March 18, 1888, born in Miami County, Indiana; Ernest Earl, Feb. 12, 1890 in Stuttgart, Ark; Jessie Pearl, March 28, 1892 in Stuttgart, Ark.; Susie, November 28, 1894 in Stuttgart, Ark.; Omer L., May 20, 1897 in Howard Co., Indiana; J. Millard, March 20, 1899, in Miami Co., Indiana; W. Emerson A., Feb. 6, 1902, in Miami Co., Indiana; Orville, March 6, 1906, in Miami County, Indiana.

At the time of his marriage, Jerry was working on his father's farm and continued for 11 years. In 1889, he moved his family to near Stuttgart, Ark., at the same time his father-in-law, Absolom King and his family moved there. In 1897 he moved back to Howard County, Indiana and lived in a tenant house on his father's farm. This was during the panic of 1897 when work was hard to find. Wages were from 50 to 75 cents a day when work could be found. In 1900 he bought a milk route and began to haul milk to the Amboy Creamery. In 1907 he sold his milk route and moved to Fairview, Michigan, where his father's family had settled. Here he cleared up a farm until his health failed, when he moved to Fairview to manage a farmer's telephone co. He was active in community affairs and served as Township Clerk for a number of years. He was employed by the E. A. Troyer Grocery Store for several years. He died on April 27, 1919, after several year's illness.

*Rebecca m(2) Nov, 1922 to Jacob Emmert who d. 1934
 She was b. in Holmes Co but grew up in Ind.*



Jeremiah Family

Back row, left to right; Edith, Ferd's wife; Walter, their oldest son and the first grandchild, Ferd. Earl, Pearl, Susie: Second row, Millard, Omer, Emerson; seated Jeremiah and Rebecca; between them is Orville. Picture taken in 1911.

Ferdinand

FERDINAND STUTESMAN

(Jerry, John and Fannie)

Ferdinand Franklin Stutesman was born near Waupecong, Indiana, March 18, 1888. He came with his parents to Fairview, Michigan March 28, 1907. On November 7, 1909 he married Edith Mast, Rev. Meno Esch performing the ceremony.

Children:

Walter LeRoy, August 2, 1910; Beulah Mae, April 19, 1912; Rollen Ferdinand, October 5, 1913; Ervin Glen, March 19, 1915; Ima Ruth, November 18, 1918; Dennis Bernard, January 23, 1921.

I am crowding my 63rd birthday anniversary as I write these lines. Looking back over the years, there are a few high spots that are impressed upon my mind, though happening many, many years ago, they seem as yesterday.

The first of these, and my first memory, was the excitement when we changed trains at St. Louis, Mo., when moving to Arkansas. We had to hurry. Father grabbed me, mother the suit case, and we ran. Just made it as the train moved on.

We went to Arkansas when I was a little over a year and a half old, and came back when I was 8. I remember very distinctly only a few incidents in

our sojourn in the South. Once we watched a cyclone pass just a few miles south of us. The whole family was ready to take shelter in case the storm came too close. There was the time father took me swimming. He waded into the water up to his shoulders with me in his arms, and then let go. I had to sink or swim. I did neither; father caught me. There was the time I caught a mouse by the tail. It squirmed around and bit me in the hand. Of course, mother was the nurse. There was the time grandma did some "Braughing" for my side ache. She measured me with a string and had me crawl around the table leg, once from east to west and then west to east. Time Father gave me a whipping for closing the gate before he had the wagon quite through it. Time I had to drink "Shofe Gnuddle Tae" for the stomach ache. My first days of school too, are to be remembered. I couldn't speak a word of English and I spent my time chasing a horse fly around the school room, rather than pay any attention to the lesson. The big girls used to catch me, and claim I was their friend. I was too young to appreciate that.

Moving back to Howard County, Indiana, I attended school in season and managed to grow up with the rest of the folks. In my school days I was always the leader of a "gang" which caused many a fight and me in hot water all the time. During adolescence, Ervin Steinman was my constant companion. He was just a little older than I, but we



dreamed the dreams of youth together. He died at 21. I attended high school at Waupecong when such institutions of higher learning were only for the city folks. Attended one term at Goshen College, Academy then. We moved to Fairview, Mich., March 28, 1907. Twenty two other families moved from the same neighborhood in Howard County, Indiana, to Fairview at the same time we came.

I attended Ferris Institute one term and then started teaching school. Taught in 1907 to 1912, 1915 to 1916. It was while teaching at the Gusler School that I was married.

In 1912 I became cashier of the Bank at Fairview, working for Beckman and Barkman. They sold the bank and I went back to teaching again.

In 1916, Selig Solomon, for whom my father-in-law was sawing some timber offered to furnish me the money to start in business. We bought the Kneeland Creamery from Albert Beck and my brother Earl. I got into the business just before the first world war, and being in an essential industry. I never got into the Army.

The creamery business was a success and a failure. I moved the plant from Kneeland to Fairview, Fairview to Comins and back to Fairview. I never was satisfied with only one business, but was interested in many affiliates. When the railroad was taken up at Comins I helped organize the Comins Truck Lines so that the people would have a way of getting their freight in and out. I helped organize a cooperative and was it's manager for a number of years. Looking back on this period I can easily see I was more of an idealist than a business man. I held service to the community more essential than my own financial gain. When I had a successful year I gave my earnings away. When I was broke, I was broke alone. Money, as such, meant nothing to me, and I always needed it.

In 1925 I helped organize the Comins Church. In 1922 I was appointed Postmaster at Comins and held the office until Roosevelt was elected. He and I didn't see eye to eye in politics. In 1925 I moved the family to Gaylord, where I managed the Gaylord Creamery in connection with the one at Comins.

The financial crash of 1929, and with so many small business ventures, I crashed with it. Gradually my property melted away until in 1939, with no assets except my faithful wife, a son, a daughter, we came to Onaway, to try a new business venture. We started the Onaway News, from scratch. Had no money when we came and have kept what we had to now. Onaway was just as poor as we were, hence we felt at home.

God has been good. My family, on the most part, are well established. My business is getting along. I have enough to eat and a place of my own that I call home.

I am no different than other folks when I say, if I had my life to live over, I would do many things a little different. During the time I was in the bank at Fairview, I published a little paper. I should have stayed in the business. I am enjoying the work and am planning to retire at 65 and put up a peanut stand.

WALTER LeROY STUTESMAN

(Ferdinand, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Walter LeRoy Stutesman was born near Fairview, Michigan, August 10, 1910. Married Vadah Jennie McWilliams, on January 26, 1935, at Angola, Indiana, in the M. E. Church by Rev. Thomas Davies, pastor of the church.

Children:

James LeRoy, August 10, 1935 at near Britton, Michigan; Philip Arthur, January 1, 1937, at Comins, Michigan; Esther, December 17, 1939 at near Britton, Michigan.

He left home in 1926 and went on his own at the age of 16. He worked on farms, in Grand Blanc, Deerfield and Blissfield, Michigan until his marriage in 1935. He spent 6 months touring the South and West previous to his marriage. Following his marriage he farmed and worked in factories. In 1936 and '37 he moved on his father's farm at Comins, Michigan. Moved to Tecumseh in 1937 and started working at the Tecumseh Products.

BEULAH MAE ERKFITZ ULRICH

(Ferdinand, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Beulah Stutesman was born near Fairview, Mich., April 19, 1912. Married to Louis A. Erkfitz at Comins, Michigan by Rev. Frank Mitchell, August 26, 1933.

Children:

Ronald and Donald (twins), July 18, 1934, at Rogers City, Mich; Iva Mae, August 21, 1935, at Comins; Ima Ruth, April 24, 1937, at Rogers City; Lois T., July 22, 1939, at Rogers City Hospital; Gordon, February 6, 1941, at Rogers City; Johnny L., April 24, 1942, at Onaway; Charles W. January 5, 1945, at Bay City.

I was born near Fairview, Michigan, on April 19, 1910, next to the oldest of a family of six. I attended Sunday School at Fairview until I was 12 years old and then went to Comins to the church my father helped to organize. I went to school as far as the ninth grade, almost completing that grade. I was told my name would be "mud" by the teacher in front of the class. That ended my

education. I then did house work by the week whenever I could.

When I was 21 years old I went to work in a lumber camp, where I met Louis Erkfitz and married him. I gave birth to 8 children in 11 years. During our years of this marriage we lived in Rogers City, Comins, Rogers City, Hawks, Rogers City, Hillman, back to Rogers City, Onaway and finally moved to Bay City. After the birth of the 8th child at Bay City, I couldn't stand any more and with the help of some neighbors I took my children and came back to Onaway. While in Bay City, during the war, I worked at General Motors for three months. I enjoyed this work.

On December 20, 1947, I married William Ulrich. Now I am living on a farm with my second husband who is trying his best to help me raise my children. I have learned patience makes marriage a success. There are twelve years of my life I wish I could forget, but can't; so I am making the best of it.

ROLLEN STUTESMAN

(Ferdinand, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Rollen Stutesman was born October 5, 1913 at Fairview, Michigan. He married Elnora Kaman, on December 2, 1939, at Rose City, Michigan.

Children:

Douglas R., March 7, 1943 at Comins, Michigan; Penny Lynn, September 15, 1947 at Comins, Mich.

Graduated from the Mio High School in 1933, in the same class with my wife. Several years after graduating, I started working for the highway department and continued with them until I was inducted into the Army on May, 1943. Took my basic training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. I spent six weeks in training at the Mechanical School at the Ordinance Base, Atlanta, Georgia. From Atlanta I went to Fort Clayburn, La., and then they tached to the 533 Engineers Special Brigade; went sent me to Fort Ord, California, where I was at-overseas on Dec. 22, 1943. I served in Bismarck Archipelago, Philippine Islands, Hawaii. I was in Japan when the war ended. Discharged December 1, 1945. I returned to my former job with the Highway Department and am still with them.

ERVIN STUTESMAN

(Ferdinand, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Ervin Stutesman was born near Fairview, Mich. March 19, 1915. He married Gretta Joslin at Selkirk, Michigan July 3, 1937.

Children:

Sharon, March 2, 1938 at Comins, Mich.; Marla April 9, 1940 at Comins, Mich.; Colin, Feb. 10, 1944 at Fairview, Mich.

He is currently employed at the Fairview Creamery.

Graduated from the Mio High School in 1933; lived in Comins and drove truck, worked in a gas station, state and county highway department until 1939, when I started to work for the Fairview Creamery and have been there since. Moved to Fairview in 1942.

IMA STUTESMAN POST

(Ferdinand, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Ima Stutesman was born near Fairview, Michigan November 18, 1918.

Children:

Carol Elizabeth, January 25, 1949, Onaway,

Michigan. We moved to Comins, Michigan when I was four years old, so I attended the Comins Grade school. I attended the Mio High school, for the 9th and 10th grades and graduated from the Fairview High School with the class of 1936 as Salutatorian. The next year I attended Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, specializing in music. Then for several years I worked in a grocery store, a lunch room, and in 1939 moved to Onaway with the family where Dad started a newspaper. I moved with them principally to do housework, but it wasn't long until I was in printer's ink too. When we managed to add a lino-type to our equipment, it was up to me to learn to run it.

We have made our home in Onaway, helping in the church and Sunday school work of the Methodist church, and the social activities of the community. I sing in the Choir and occasionally help out by playing the piano or organ.

I Married Harold Post, a resident of Onaway, on June 28, 1947 at the Methodist Church. We moved into our own home in February 1948. Now we are very happy with our little girl and our home. My husband works with his father in the lumbering business and I am content being a housewife, and give a few music lessons.

However I still help out occasionally at the News Office either in the back shop or the office.

DENNIS B. STUTESMAN

(Ferdinand, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Dennis B. Stutesman was born near Trail, Ohio, January 23, 1921. He moved to Onaway with his parents in 1939 and started working in the printing shop. He served in World War II from 1941 to 1945. Since his discharge he has worked in the printing office and is still employed there. He is single and is living with his parents.

Earnest

EARL E. STUTESMAN

(Jerry, John and Fannie)

Earl Stutesman was born near Stuttgart, Ark., February 12, 1890. He married Susie E. Hersberger, daughter of Dan and Louise Hersberger on January 11, 1914. Rev. Meno Esch reading the rites.

Children:

Luella Susie, October 9, 1914; Ernest J. D., June 16, 1916; Levi Elsworth, January 2, 1918; Lettie Irene, August 11, 1919; Noah Absolom, Jan. 22, 1921; Harry Lee, January 3, 1923; Virgil Milton, September 27, 1925; Norma Per., May 1, 1927; Kathran Rebecca, April 22, 1929; Betty Louise, August 12, 1931; Emagine Ilene, February 5, 1935; Willard Henry, January 31, 1937.

Earl is living in Fairview at this date and is employed by the Fairview Creamery.

LUELLA SUSIE DEYARMOND

(Earl, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Luella Susie Stutesman was born at Kneeland, Michigan on October 9, 1914 and was married to Victor Deyarmond, son of Perry and Mabel Deyarmond, at Comins, Michigan, March 28, 1936. Rev. Frank Mitchell performing the ceremony.

Children:

Patricia Ann, April 22, 1942; Marvin Dewayne, March 10, 1944.

They are living on a farm near Mio, Michigan.

On March 29, 1936 we moved on my father-in-law's farm, three miles west of Kneeland. On March 29, it will be 15 years since we came here.

We have no children of our own, so in 1942, we had a chance to adopt a little girl eight days old. We took Patricia Ann April 22, 1942. In 1944 we adopted a little boy, 6 months old, Marvin DeWayne. We love both the children as if they were our own. We are farming a 200 acre farm at this writing.



Earl Stutesman and Family

ERNEST, J. D. STUTESMAN

(Earl, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Ernest Stutesman was born in Fairview, Mich., June 16, 1916. He was married to Mildred Diggs, June 29, 1940, at Napoleon, Ohio, by Dallas Young.

Children:

Janet Kay, May 8, 1941; Virginia Sue, May 9, 1943.

LETTIE STUTESMAN BETTS, PINEO

(Earl, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Lettie Stutesman was born August 11, 1919, at Fairview, Michigan. She was married to James Betts, September 31, 1938 and separated November 11, 1943. She was married to William H. Pineo June 11, 1947 at Napoleon, Ohio.

Children:

Ellen Marie, March 7, 1939; Julia Ann, May 25, 1943; Diana Lynn, May 12, 1943; William

NOAH STUTESMAN

(Earl, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Noah Stutesman was born January 22, 1922 at Fairview, Michigan and was married to Jean E. Vanner at Pontiac, Michigan, on May 9, 1947, by Rev. Clatus Parker.

No children:

I started to school when I became old enough and went as far as the first year of High School, when I quit and joined the CCC's in 1939 and stayed with them for 18 months. In 1941 I went to Pontiac to get work and got my first job at Fisher Body, where I stayed for about a year and then went to work for the Diesel Plant in Detroit.

I enlisted in the Navy on April 16 and left for duty on April 23, 1943. I took my boot training at the Great Lakes Naval Base, was transferred to Gulf Port, Mississippi, from where we were sent to the West Coast to be shipped out in August on the USS Collier. We landed in Melbourne, Australia, then to Iraq; next to Bombay, India; then to Zanzibar, Africa; then over to the Island of Ceylon. Then we started back to retrace our voyage, when we were torpedoed off the coast of Bombay. I spent a short time in a hospital at Karachi, India before catching the USS Mt. Vernon back to the States, landing in New York. I spent a 24-day leave with my parents and at Pontiac, with Jean, whom I had met before I enlisted. After my leave I reported back to Brooklyn and was sent to a rest center in Florida for three weeks; then back to New York, to

be shipped out on the USS Frederick S. Kummck. On this trip we visited Glasgow, Scotland, Мурманск, Russia, and back to the States, landing at Portland, Maine. After this trip I had another short leave which I spent in Pontiac. I reported to New York on December 16, 1944 and spent Christmas at Halifax, Nova Scotia. We were shipped out and visited England and France; then back to the States, landing at a port in Boston. I spent two of my three years service overseas and one in the States.

After my honorable discharge at Great Lakes, I returned to Pontiac and started to work for Pontiac Motors. Following our marriage on May 9, 1947, we lived in Pontiac for about a year, when we moved to Drayton Plains. In the summer of 1948 I quit at Pontiac Motors to take up carpentry under the G. I. Bill of Rights. During this time my wife was employed in the accounting office of the Pontiac State Hospital and I worked on one of the new buildings. In 1948 we bought our home near Milford, where we are now living. I am employed at the Fisher Body. In September, 1950, we took our first real vacation, spending the time in Ontario with my wife's relatives.

HARRY L. STUTESMAN

(Earl, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Harry L. Stutesman was born at Mio, Michigan, January 3, 1923, and was married to Helen Marie Smith, at South Bend, Indiana, on January 8, 1943, Rev. Robert M. Sella, pastor of the First Methodist Church, reading the rites.

Children:

Toni Marie, July 1, 1949, died at birth; Larry Lee, September 28, 1950, born at Howard City, Mich.

Harry left school after completing the 9th grade at Fairview. He joined the Marines in the early part of the War, took his "boot training" at San Diego, California. He was stationed in turns at New River, California, then to Florida to Tank School, back to North Carolina and then to Calif. before finally being shipped overseas. He saw action on Marshall Islands, Guadalcanal; was with the invasion forces at Guam. From Guam he went back to Guadalcanal and then shipped to the United States and was hospitalized at Faragut, Idaho. He was discharged from Spokane, Washington, May 10, 1945.

He received his certificate from the American Institute of specialized Watch Repair at Grand Rapids on December 16, 1949. He is now working at his trade in Howard City, Michigan.

VIRGIL MILTON STUTESMAN

(Earl, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Virgil Milton Stutesman was born at Fairview, Michigan September 27, 1924. He was married to Shirley Naomi Popp at Mio, Michigan on May 7, 1946, by Judge Lawrance Schrock.

Children:

James Lee, June 11, 1947, at Mio; Gary Lynn, November 14, 1949 at Fairview, Michigan.

I started to school in 1931 at the Fairview High Schol. In 1940 I quit and went to Pontiac, where I was employed at the Pontiac Motors. April 24, 1943, I joined the Marines. Went overseas January 15, 1944, with the 4th Division. Was in the battle of Marshall Islands, Saipan and Iwo Jima. We returned to the States October 25, 1945. Received my discharge at Great Lakes, Illinois, on March 9, 1945. I was married at Fairview, Michigan, May 7, 1946 and started working for Gerber's Jewelry at Mio. Then I went to watch maker's school at Grand Rapids, taking a one and a half year course. I am working in Flint at the present time.

KATHERINE STUTESMAN

(Earl, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Katherine Stutesman Lunning was born April 22, 1929 at Fairview, Michigan. She was married to John Lunning at Detroit, Michigan.

NORMA STUTESMAN OSBORN

(Earl, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Norma Stutesman was born near Fairview, Michigan, May 1, 1927. She was married to Donovan Osborn on October 18, 1946.

Children:

Dannie, March 31, 1947; Elsie Diana, June 5, 1948; Donna May, May 7, 1950. All the children were born in West Branch.

PEARL

PEARL STUTESMAN MAST

(Jerry, John and Fannie)

Pearl Stutesman was born near Stuttgart, Ark., March 23, 1892. She moved with her parents to Howard County, Indiana, and then to Fairview, Michigan. She was married to Harry Mast, Nov. 23, 1913, at Fairview, Mich., by Rev. Menno Esch.

Children:

Letha Pearl, October 1, 1914 at Fairview; Fayma Louise, June 10, 1918 at Fairview.

The first several years of our married life we lived on a farm east of Fairview, then moved to Fairview, where we have lived for the last 32 years. I have always been a housewife. I united with the Mennonite Church early in life and am still a member of that church.

LETHA PEARL MAST STEVENS

(Pearl, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Letha Pearl Mast was born near Fairview, Mich., October 1, 1914. Married to Preston Stevens, April 25, 1935 at Fairview, Michigan. The Rev. Frank Mitchell officiated at the wedding rites.

Children:

Harry Preston, Dec. 24, 1935; Annabelle Irene, September 20, 1939; Robert Glenn, July 25, 1944; Bonnie Jean, October 16, 1946, all born at Fairview, Michigan.

All my life I have lived in the vicinity of Fairview. Graduated from the Mio High School in 1933. Was married in the spring of 1935 and lived with my parents for a year, then moved on a farm of 80 acres about a half a mile south of Fairview where we are now living. We built ourselves a home and a nice sized barn. My husband has worked for the State and County Highway and driven school bus. I do the business of a house wife and work out now and then to help out a little. I was chosen 4-H Club Leader for Fairview this spring.

Susie

SUSIE STUTESMAN ROGERS

(Jerry, John and Fannie)

Susie Stutesman was born near Stuttgart, Ark. on November 28, 1894. She was married to Milton Rogers at Fairview, Michigan, on April 23, 1916, by Rev. Menno Esch.

Children:

Eula, June 7, 1917; Boyd Milton, October 30, 1919; Hilda Rebecca, March 17, 1923; Tilson Ray, June 24, 1926; Josephine Iris, February 19, 1933. All children born at Fairview, Michigan.

I am only a housewife. Wife of a farmer and saw mill owner. At present we have quit farming and our son, Boyd, lives on the home place. My husband is sawing lumber and always has. Worked on mills for Noah Yoder and J. N. Mast when a young man and until he bought a mill of his own. Before marriage I worked for E. A. Troyer in his general store for four years. Since our marriage I have been a busy house wife and mother and am now enjoying my grand children. Only went as far as the 8th grade in school. I am a member of the Mennonite Church and have taught a Sunday School class almost continually since I was 16, and for the past 10 years have taught a class of 25 young married women. I am interested in other church activities, such as Summer and Winter Bible School, Sewing Circle. At present, I am president of the Sewing Circle, which is the women's organization of our church. At the age of 12, I came to Fairview from Howard County, Indiana, with my parents and have lived in this vicinity ever since. We lived on a farm east of Fairview until 1946, when we moved to Fairview.

EULA ROGERS SWARTZ

(Susie, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Eula Rogers was born near Fairview, Michigan, June 7, 1917, and on July, 1 1939, married Alvin Swartz at Fairview, Michigan by Rev. Meno Esch

Children:

Sherrill Eudean, April 11, 1941; Colleen Joella, February 15, 1943; Glenda Jean, July 9, 1945; Sarah Sue, July 3, 1947; Philip Joseph, August 3, 1950. The three older children were born near Turner, Mich., and the last two at Talbert, Ky.

My first recollections of childhood days were centered on our farm three miles east of Fairview,

although I do remember a few incidents that happened before we moved to the farm when I was three. My pre-school memories are rather hazy. I remember I announced proudly at the age of four that "three more years and I'll go to school". I remember enjoying the attention I received when I "showed off", reading to people before I went to school.

Life began in September, 1924, when at the age of 7 I, with much trepidation, entered the public school, in my case, at Grandview, just a half mile south of our home. Three years later, when I was ready for the fifth grade, Grandview was consolidated with Fairview and I finished my grade school and the first two years of High School at Fairview. My Sophomore year was taken at Mio, because Fairview was not yet a four year school. The next year Fairview became a four year school and I was a member of the first graduating class in 1935. The class numbered thirteen.

In the fall of 1935, I attended County Normal at West Branch and learned economy, doing light housekeeping with very little money to keep the table going. It was a slim year financially, but a happy one.

I began my teaching career at the Stanlake School, an isolated spot, ten miles from any town. I hereby record it as the lonliest year of my life. I had twelve scholars. The next year I taught 44 scholars at the Stone School near Prescott and really enjoyed it. Because of differences with the president of the school board at whose home I boarded, I was obliged to change again. He was one of those old wolves who loved to caress the young ladies, perhaps as a pleasant respite from the bitter nagging of his wife. Anyway, his attentions made me crawl. The next year I taught the South Branch school and had about 33 students.

My three year certificate had by that time expired so I got married. I rather had that in mind any way, having "kept company" with Alvin for about a year and a half. We moved on a farm about three and a half miles east of Turner, in the summer of 1939 and here our three oldest children were born.

In the summer of 1946 we had a call to do missionary work in Kentucky and November 14, 1946, we arrived here by jeep. Eight months after arriving here our little Sarah was born, July 3, 1947. Three years later, August 3, 1950, God gave us 1 son, Philip Joseph, to add to our quintet of girls.

We count it a blessed experience to live and labor in Breathitt County, Kentucky, among these underprivileged people, whom we have found to be quite as warm hearted as those in Michigan. These Kentucky years have been happy ones.

BOYD ROGERS

(Susie, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Boyd Rogers was born in Fairview, Michigan, October 30, 1919. Grew to manhood in this community and married Edith Gascho, October 25, 1942. Rev. Meno Esch reading the wedding rites.

Children:

Myra Delynn, October 8, 1943; Rachelle Dawn, Dec. 28, 1947.

I was born in the town of Fairview on October 30, 1919. When about four months old my parents moved to the farm now known as the Milt Rogers farm where I now live. I attended Grandview School for two years and then attended the Fairview Agriculture High School. I left school during my Sophomore year to help on the farm.

I stayed on the farm with the folks until 1941. During the year 1941 I worked on the Reed Ranch and on the Henry Solomon farm. Back to the farm again during 1942. On October 25, 1942, I was married to Edith Gasche.

In January, 1943, we moved to Chatham, Mich., U. P., where I worked as assistant dairyman at the State Experiment Station, a sub-station of the Michigan State College. I stayed in Chatham for nearly three years, then moved back to the farm again on October 13, 1945.

During the next six months we lived with the folks and at Fairview. During that time I was janitor at the church during the Bible School term and worked on the saw mill and cooked maple syrup.

On April 1, 1946 the folks left the farm and we moved on. I've been operating the farm and milking Red Dane cows ever since.

HILDA ROGERS DAHLE

(Susie, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Hilda Rogers was born at Fairview, Michigan on March 17, 1923. She grew to a young lady in the same community and in due time she married Harold Dahle, in Detroit on June 8, 1946.

Children:

Milton James, June 1, 1947; Rogers Allen, July 3, 1948. Both children born in Harrisville, Mich.

I graduated from the Fairview High School in 1940. Worked in the office at the school the following winter and then came to Harrisville to work in the office of the Alcona Seed Growers Association. Worked there until my marriage. We lived in Detroit only two months. We moved to Spruce where we lived until July 3, 1947, when we moved to Harrisville, Michigan, where we are now living.

Omer

OMER L. STUTESMAN

(Jerry, John and Fannie)

Omer L. Stutesman was born in Howard County Indiana, May 20, 1897 and came to Fairview, Michigan with his parents when he was ten years old. He married Arla Schrock on November 30, 1919, Elder Emery Fultz performing the ceremony.

Children:

..Donald W., June 25, 1922; Burnell O., November 6, 1928; Bonnie I., July 5, 1930; June M., June 20 1931; Jean A., December 21, 1937.

..I was born in Howard County, Indiana in 1897 and came to Fairview, Oscoda County, Michigan, with my parents in 1907 when I was ten years old. I went to school at South Fairview, Grandview and Gusler School. When I was 17, I began working in a general store at Fairview for E. A. Troyer. During the year 1919 I managed this store for Henry Solomon. On November 30, 1919, I married Arla Schrock, at the home of the officiating minister Elder Emery Fultz.

..I didn't like the store business very well so I decided to go into business for myself. I bought the Farmer's Telephone Co. In 1925 we moved to Comins, where I worked in the creamery until 1927. I bought a grocery store in Comins and operated it for a number of years, then started a garage. In 1935 we moved to Fairview where I operated a gas station for Henry Solomon until 1939. During this time we had a family of five children.

..From 1939 until this date I have been self employed, doing carpenter work, plumbing and electrical work and refrigeration sales and service.

. In 1949, my wife, Annette and I left Fairview in answer to a call to go to Colombia, South America to help build a Mission for the Leper's orphans. We were not allowed to enter South America because of the political conditions and the antagonism towards Protestant Missionaries. So, after waiting three months, we returned to Fairview and took charge of a mission Sunday School in McKinley, Michigan. At the present time, 1951, we are building a small church there.

DONALD W. STUTESMAN

(Omer, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Donald Stutesman was born at Fairview, Michigan, June 25, 1922, and was married to Geraldine V. Humm, June 7, 1947 at Breckenridge, Michigan by Rev. John Alexander.

Children:

William Dec, December, 1948.

Born in Fairview, moved to Comins in 1925. Attended school at Comins through the fourth grade, then moved back to Fairview where I completed my school life, graduating in 1940. Worked in the Oscoda County Bureau of Social Aid at Mio, until January 1, 1941. Entered Cleary College at Ypsilanti and graduated from a 12 months business course, December 1941.

Began my employment with the Dow Chemical Co., at Midland on December 29, 1941. Entered the Air Force on June 15, 1943, went overseas on April 8, 1944 to England and landed in France in July 1944, just a month after D Day. Went to Germany in March 1945. Was returned to the United States a year later and discharged at Fort Atterbury, Indiana, March 25, 1946. Went back to the Dow Chemical Co., where I am working at present.

March 9, 1951, 3510 Ohio Street, Midland, Michigan.

BERNELL O. STUTESMAN

(Omer, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Bernell O. Stutesman was born in Gaylord, Michigan, November 6, 1928. Graduated from the Fairview High School. He entered the service late in 1950 and on May 1st, 1951 he married Margaret Burton at Colorado Springs, Colorado, by Rev. Fred Seaman.

BONNIE IRENE STUTESMAN

(Omer, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Bonnie Irene Stutesman was born in Comins, Michigan, July 5, 1930. She was married to Gilbert N. Gusler, October 2, 1949, at the Comins Mennonite Church, the Rev. Joseph Atherton reading the marriage rites.

Children:

Gil Cornell, January 27, 1951.

I was born in Comins, on July 5, 1930. We lived there until I was four years old. We then moved to Fairview and still live there. I graduated from the Fairview High School and while still attending school I started working in Neff's Grocery, and worked there a year after I was through school.

Gib Gusler and I were married October 2, 1949 in the Comins Mennonite Church. Rev. Joe Atherton performed the ceremony. January 27, 1951 our son was born. We named him Gil Cornell.

Millard

J. MILLARD STUTESMAN
(Jerry, John and Fannie)

J. Millard Stutesman was born near Amboy, Indiana, November 20, 1899. On February 26, 1924 he married Geneva Evans of Gaylord, the marriage taking place at Leslie, Michigan, the Rev. G.A. Ehrhardt reading the marriage rites.

Children:

Lyene B., December 17, 1924; Robert A., September 5, 1928; James R., July 20, 1930.

Born near Amboy, Indiana, Miami County, my first recollection is living a few miles from my birth place, from where I attended the Studebaker school, about 1906. After one term my parents moved to Fairview, Michigan. There I attended the South Fairview school, the Grandview and the Gusler schools in turn. Right after graduating from the eighth grade I started working in Kolb's Drug Store at Fairview. Several years later, about the beginning of World War I, I started to work for the Os-

coda County Creamery, taking the buttermakers course at Michigan State College at East Lansing, (1919).

During my work at the drug store I became interested in photography, and after taking college preparatory course at Ferris Institute, I entered the Illinois College of photography at Effingham, Ill. Since graduating in 1922, photography has been my work.

In 1924 I married Geneva Evans of Gaylord. We have three children, Lyene, Bob and Jim. Lyene is married and is living near Gaylord. Bob has finished school and is now a radio technician and had a shop in Gaylord until he was drafted into the army, November 15, 1950. He is receiving training at Camp Gordon, Georgia.

After graduating from Aurthur Hill High School, Jim enlisted in the Navy, August 10, 1948 and was serving aboard a carrier in Korean waters when the war started in July 1, 1950. After seven months of combat duty he was returned to the States for rest, and advance training at Philadelphia. He plans to make the Navy his career.

Mrch 25, 1951, 118 Center Street, Saginaw, Michigan.



Back row, Geneva, Lyene,
Bottom, Jim, Millard, Robert.

LYENE STUTESMAN LENARTOWICZ

(J. Millard, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Lyene Stutesman was born at Lansing, Michigan, December 17, 1924. On May 15, 1946 she married Sylvester Stanley Lenartowicz. The wedding took place at the St. Mary's church, Rev. Fr. Kaminski performing the ceremony.

Children:

Richard Lee, October, 1946; Anthony Francis, April 26, 1948.

Born in Lansing, Michigan, I came to Gaylord with my parents at the age of two weeks. I started to school here and in October of my second year we moved to Comins and from there to Lansing and then to Ann Arbor. We moved a great deal and I attending school at Comins again and Ithica, then just before Christmas, when I was in the 5th grade, we came back to Gaylord. I graduated from Gaylord High School in the spring of 1942. A week after graduating I went to work at the State Savings Bank at Gaylord. In September, 1943 I resigned my position at the bank to enter Michigan State College to major in music. I quit school in December 1943 with full intentions of getting married. Changed my mind and in the spring of 1944 went to Flint, where I was employed at the Honeydell. Four months later I took a position at Fisher Body as typist. In August 1945 I returned to Gaylord to take a vacant civil service position with Central Repair Shop. October 27, 1945 I met my future husband and in April 1946 I quit my job to be married in May.

Prior to my marriage I attended the Congregational Church, but became a member of the St. Mary's Church on May 4, 1946. We have lived in and around Gaylord since our marriage.

March 12, 1951, Gaylord, Michigan.

Emerson

EMERSON STUTESMAN

(Jerry, John and Fannie)

Emerson Stutesman was born near Amboy, Indiana, February 6, 1902 and moved with his parents to Fairview, Michigan in 1907. He married Alice Hostetler at Elkhart, Indiana, Rev. Harvey Nunemaker, performing the ceremony on August 18, 1929.

Children:

Wilbur E., July 6, 1930; Donna, October 13, 1931; Rebecca Ann, February 20, 1933; Roger Gordon, February 29, 1936; Norman, June 3, 1944.

My Life Story — Emerson Stutesman
June 22, 1951

I was born February 6, 1902 in a house (since moved one mile west) on the east side of Molasses Street, a section line road in Miami County, Indiana. It was called by that name because a neighbor returning from town with a gallon jug of molasses upset the jug and left a path of the contents all along the mile. When I was five our family moved to Fairview, Michigan but the old home in Indiana still holds an important place in my memory for it was there I twice broke my arm, made many unfortunate remarks that are brought to my attention when I return to the scenes of my childhood, and I was for a while the favored baby of the family.

My life in Fairview was the usual thing except as kids, we had vivid imaginations which resulted in a kid store under one end of the town hall where we bought and sold the necessities of life. We had a brass band using tin cans and play whistles. We also had a well organized mourners group that solemnly buried all the roosters, cats and dogs that died a natural death.

I started to school at the South Fairview where I was enamored of certain Amish girls. My next school was Grandview, where I experienced my only public school spanking. The fellow who should have taken the whipping still laughs at his clever way of blaming the thing on me. We later moved into Fairview where I finished the eighth grade in the class with Nina Yoder and Merle Gusler. Ed Schmid was my teacher that year and I believe he made me want to become a teacher. There was no high school in Fairview then so I took another year in the eighth grade just for fun and so I could stay out of my Dad's way.

My first job away from home was working for Lora Yoder on the old Noah Yoder farm when I was fourteen. I worked there for one summer and helped the family by earning my board and six dollars a month. I remember I was so bashful that

I talked to the hired girl only twice during my entire summer though she worked there as long as I did. After that summer I worked for Harry Mast and for Ferd at the creamery until my Dad died in 1919. The next year I really went away to work for I went to Fowlerville, Michigan.

Returning from Fowlerville after a year, I began to work in the creamery again. During this time, the creamery sent me to East Lansing to learn the dairy manufacturing trade.

When I was twenty-one I decided to get an education and become a teacher, hoping some day to teach in a consolidated school. So in the spring of 1923 I went to Ferris Institute for my six weeks of normal training. That fall, I taught my first year of school in the Esch School north of Comins. The next year, I taught the Hillsdale School and then followed two years at Comins. Meanwhile I spent summers at Farris continuing my education. Following two years at Comins, I went to Ferris a whole year and graduated from there with a high school diploma and one year of college.

I was married in 1929 to Alice Hostetler. At that time, I was working in West Branch for Henry Schulty as a bookkeeper. We lived there one year and then bought the store in Comins which we operated until 1934. My wife operated the store while I taught the school there and went to school. In 1935 we moved near Clare where I taught a small school, worked in the A. & P. Store on Saturdays and took classes from Central State by Correspondence. We stayed there two years until I graduated and we then moved to Roscommon where I taught Mathematics, Shop and Agriculture. We remained in that place for four years and then moved to Onsted where we lived for five years. There I taught Mathematics and Shop. There I became principal and later superintendent. After five years there, we moved to Three Rivers where we now have our home and hope to stay until our active years are over.

Here we have found a friendly community with the advantage of a good school and though not a large city has advantages of good entertainment, good stores and churches. We have five children, three of whom were born in Comins, one in Clare and one in Onsted.

The oldest, a boy, has completed a business course and is working in the bank here in Three Rivers. He is married. The second, our oldest daughter, is in her second year in Albion College training to become a teacher. Our third, a daughter, is entering a hospital to take nurse's training. Roger, the fourth child, is a Sophomore in high school. And our baby, Norman, is in the second grade in elementary school. My wife and I are both teaching here. She

is teaching kindergarten and I am teaching mathematics in Junior High.

WILBUR E. STUTESMAN

(Emerson, Jerry, John and Fannie)

Wilbur Stutesman was born in Mishawaka, Ind., July 6, 1930. He married Jeanette Careggio at Three Rivers, Michigan. On January 13, 1951. Rev. Charles A. Jacobs read the wedding ceremony.

Wilbur is employed by the bank of Three Rivers.

Orville

ORVILLE K. STUTESMAN

(Jerry, John and Fannie)

Orvil King Stutesman was born near Amboy, Indiana, March 6, 1906. He married Neva M. Noffsinger, June 14, 1930.

Children:

Marvin LeRoy, May 8, 1931; Willard Jack, May 4, 1934.

Orville moved to Fairview with his parents when he was a little over a year old. Went to school at the grade schools near Fairview, Gusler, North Fairview. He worked for the Fairview Creamery, and later drove truck for the Comins Truck lines. It was while he was working for the Gaylord Creamery, managed at the time by his brother Ferd, that he met his wife.

In 1937 he moved to Flint, Michigan and drove truck for the Bancroft Trucking Company. He was considered one of their most careful and skilled drivers. It was while he was making a run for this company that he was accidentally killed, when he stopped to help a motorist out of the ditch.

Newspaper account of the accident as follows...
From the Flint Journal April 10, 1944.

A Flint man, father of two children was killed by an automobile near Monroe Sunday night while assisting a motorist who had run into the ditch. The good Samaritan was Orville K. Stutesman, 38, of 2095 Eberly Rd., truck driver employed by the George R. Alger Co., 1001 N. Dort Hwy.

He stopped his truck at US-24 and US-25, five miles north of Monroe, to pull the ditched car back on to the pavement. While placing flares along the highway, he was hit by an automobile driven by Hulon Davidson, 19, of Detroit.

Mr. Stutesman, believed to have been headed for Chicago, had been a Flint resident for seven years. He was a member of the AFL- General Drivers Union.

After Orville's death Neva moved to Gaylord, with her two boys where Marvin graduated from the Gaylord High School in 1950. While attending school he worked in a drug store at Gaylord attended two terms at Ferris Institute, joined the Navy in March this year, where he is now taking training at the Hospital Corps at Great Lakes, Ill. Jack will graduate in 1952, he also is working in the same store his brother worked. He plays in the high school band and in a private orchestra.

BARBARA

BARBARA STUTZMAN KAUFMAN

(John and Fannie)

Barbara Stutzman was born in Holmes County Ohio, July 12, 1865, she moved to Miami County Indiana with her parents in 1873 where she grew up and married Levi Kaufman, September 18, 1887, Rev. Andrew Troyer performing the ceremony.

Children:

Fred, June 12, 1888; Clara, January 21, 1890; Alice, September 29, 1891; Charles, September 9, 1893; Kathryn, June 5, 1900; Freda, April 2, 1911. All the children except Freda were born in Miami County, Indiana. Freda was born near Kneeland.

In 1901, she and her husband and family moved to Oscoda County, Michigan. For the first year they lived near Helmer Lake and then purchased a farm near Kneeland, Michigan where they lived until 1930 when they moved to Fairview, where she died on September 5, 1931. For nine years before his death Grandpa Stutzman made his home with Barb. She paid only one visit to her childhood home in Miami County, Indiana and that was in 1920. She and her youngest daughter Freda, Jeff and Kate Miller spent several weeks visiting her childhood home.

Fred

FRED KAUFMAN

..(Barbara, John and Fannie)

..Fred Kaufman was born in Miami County, Indiana, June 12, 1888, and married Lizzie Reber, March 16, 1913. Rev. Menno Esch reading the marriage rites.

Children:

Walter, March 17, 1916; Donald Levi, January 21, 1919; Melvina Mary, November 9, 1920; Eleanor Barbara, November 25, 1922; Vera May, May 30, 1925; Rudy Katherine, February 28, 1927; Adeline Alice, December 15, 1929; Charles Frederick, April 22, 1932.

Soon after marriage Fred moved on the home farm half a mile east of Kneeland and is still living there.

Fred's three youngest children are still unmarried, Rudy is at home doing house work for neighbors when she isn't needed at home, Adeline is working in Midland and Charles Fred is working at Fisher Body in Flint.

WALTER KAUFMAN

(Fred, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Walter Kaufman was born near Mio, Michigan, November 19, 1916 and married Leola Oaks, daughter of Charley and Mary Oaks, December 29, . Rev. Meno Esch performing the ceremony at Fairview, Michigan.

Children:

One son by adoption, Marlin Dale.

Walter is a carpenter by trade and to keep him busy in the winter he makes furniture.

June 1, 1951, Fairview, Michigan.

DONALD L. KAUFMAN

(Barbara, John and Fannie)

Donald Kaufman was born near Kneeland, Michigan, January 21, 1919. He married Phebe Freeze in Sarasota, Florida and has been living there for the past four years. He is a carpenter by trade.

MARY MELVINA KAUFMAN

(Fred, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Mary Melvina Kaufman was born near Kneeland, Michigan, March 9, 1920. She was married to Fred Melvin Rose, son of Edward and Grace Rose, of South Branch, on August 17, 1940. They are members of the Goodar Baptist Church.

Children:

Eward Martin, born April 7, 1943, at South Branch. Robert Russell, November 26, 1948, born in Flint, Michigan.

ELEANOR BARBARA KAUFMAN

(Fred, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Eleanor Barbara Kaufman was born near Kneeland Michigan, November 25, 1922. On March 28, 1951 she was married to Reuben Hendrich, son of Henry Hendrich. He is farming the Henry Hendrich farm.

October 1951, Mio, Michigan.

Clara

CLARA KAUFMAN SHARP.

(Barbara, John and Fannie)

Clara Kaufman was born in Howard County, Indiana, January 21, 1890. She came to Oscoda County with her parents in 1901. She was married to Elmer Sharp on October 8, 1911. Rev. Menno Esch reading the wedding rites.

Children:

Anita, July 25, 1912; Harold, June 20, 1915.

I lived in North Dakota for four years. The rest of my life has been spent in and near Fairview, Michigan.

October 1951, Fairview, Michigan.

ANITA SHARP SWARTZ.

(Clara, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Anita Sharp was born near Fairview, Michigan, July 25, 1912. She was married to Orbie Swartz, son of Joseph and Sarah Swartz of Augres, Michigan, October 16, 1932. Reverend Esch read the marriage rites at Fairview, Michigan.

Children:

Merlen, July 31, 1933; Marian, November 18, 1935; Phyllis, April 14, 1938; Donald, June 1, 1941; Deloris, October 1, 1947.

Mr. and Mrs. Swartz are living on a farm in Augres, Michigan, where all the children were born.

October 1951, Augres, Michigan.

HAROLD ELMER SHARP

(Clara, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Harold Sharp was born near Fairview, Michigan, June 20, 1915. He married Anne Troyer, daughter of Samuel and Katie Troyer, on June 2, 1940. Rev. Meno Esch reading the marriage rites.

Children:

Dennis Wayne, August 4, 1941; Wahnita Katharine, January 22, 1943; Janice Fay, September 21, 1944; Carol Elaine, February 26, 1948; Galen Lee, September 11, 1950.

I am a farmer. We own an 160 acre farm 1 mile east and a half mile north of Fairview. We keep dairy cows for our main source of income. We belong to the Fairview Mennonite church.

Corrected October 1951, Fairview, Michigan.

Alice

ALICE KAUFMAN REBER

(Barbara, John and Fannie)

Alice Kaufman was born in Howard County Indiana, September 29, 1891. She came to Oscoda County, Michigan, with her parents in 1901, April 2, 1916 she was married to Elmer Reber, by Rev. Meno Esch.

Children:

Alton Royce, June 21, 1917; Grant Charles, June 20, 1918; (Grant was killed in France, August 5, 1944); Mavis Barbara, July 4, 1920; Mary Kathryn, July 25, 1922; Ronald Elmer, February 20, 1926; Norma Louise, September 14, 1930; Melva Ruth, January 25, 1934.

I am just a housewife.
October 1951, Comins, Michigan.

ALTON ROYCE REBER

(Alice, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Alton Royce Reber was born near Fairview, Michigan, January 2, 1917. He married Violet Gibbon, at Bay City, on December 19, 1942.

Children:

Richard Grant, November 3, 1943; Karon Joyce, June 28, 1947.

I went to school at Fairview until I was through the eighth grade. I drilled wells for several years and then went to Cheboygan to a welder's school for a part of a year. In 1941 I started to work at Defoe Ship Yards as a welder. Worked there until I was called to the army, June 1, 1945. I served in the army until September 1946. Soon after I was discharged from the army, I started working for Lowery at Bay City. In December, 1947 I left Lowery and started working in the Chemical plant at Bay City as a welder, where I am still employed.

October 1951, Route 1, Bay City, Michigan.

GRANT CHARLES REBER

(Alice, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Grant Reber was born near Fairview, Michigan, June 20, 1828. He grew up to be a popular young man of the community. The war came along and he was inducted into the army, January 15, 1942. In September he was shipped across to Ireland, from there to England. He was a member of the African

invasion forces. He saw action in Africa, Cislia and moved on into Italy. He went back to England for a six months rest period. He was with the army on "D Day" at the Normandy landing, here he was wounded. After hospitalization he was sent back into combat. He was wounded the second time in July. He went back into the front lines August 1st and was killed five days later, August 5th, 1944.

KATHRYN REBER ESCH

(Alice, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Kathryn Reber was born near Fairview, Michigan, July 25, 1922. On November 3, 1946 she married Chris Esch, by the Rev. Meno Esch father of the groom.

Children:

Dana Chris, October 11, 1946; Susan Elaine, October 16, 1949; Judith Ann, September 4, 1950.

I got my education at Fairview. I did housework for five years and worked in the telephone office for two years and then got married and settled down to be a housewife.

MAVIS BARBARA KEBER ESCH

(Alice, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Mavis Reber was born near Fairview, Michigan July 4, 1920. She was married to Reuben Esch, January 7, 1945, at Pigeon, Michigan, by Rev. Tobe Schrock.

Children:

Barbara Alice, November 24, 1947; Berry Ann, November 19, 1948.

I went to school at Fairview, after that I did housework. I was in Florida one winter just previous to my marriage.

NORMA LOUISE REBER TROYER

(Alice, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Norma Louise Reber was born near Fairview, Michigan September 14, 1930. She was married to Emerson Troyer, September 15, 1950.

Children;

Ardus Louise, September 28, 1951.

Charles

CHARLES KAUFMAN

(Barbara, John and Fannie)

Charles Kaufman was born near Waupecong, Indiana, September 9, 1893. He came to Oscoda County with his parents in 1901. He is a Veteran of World War 1, serving over seas for 13 months. After his return from the war he married Wilma Miller, April 8, 1920, the Rev. Henry Fultz reading the marriage rites.

Children:

Boyd, June 25, 1922; Donna, June 14, 1924 Fredrick, April 4, 1925; Robert, June 22, 1927; Richard, May 25, 1928; Vada, January 28, 1929; Edward, June 22, 1930; Glema Ann, January 13, 1933 (died July 16, 1944, from a heart condition of six year standing); Eugene, October 24, 1941.

After his marriage he was employed by the Consumers Power Company for ten years. He then joined the State Highway Department and has been with them since. He lives at Kneeland.

BOYD KAUFMAN

(Charles, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Boyd Levi Kaufman, was born June 25, 1922, near Mio, Michigan. He served with the famous 2nd Armored Division in War 11, receiving the Bronz star for bravery under fire. He also received the French citation. On September 14, 1947 he married Virginia Spoor Murry. The Rev. Clare Bills, pastor of the Church of God Church, at Briggs performing the ceremony.

Children:

George Murry, November, 30, 1942; Tamera Lea, December 29, 1950.

October 1951, Mio, Michigan.

DONNA KAUFMAN ROE

(Charles, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Donna Kaufman was born near Mio, Michigan, January 14, 1924. She was married to Jay E. Roe at South Branch, April 28, 1940.

Children:

Boyd, April 26, 1941; Maynard Eugene, November 1, 1943; Darwin, November 9, 1944; Howard, February 6, 1947. All the children were born at Mio except Maynard who was born in Detroit.

October 1951, Mio, Michigan

FREDERICK KAUFMAN

(Charles, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Frederick Kaufman was born April 4, 1925 at Bamfield, near Glennie, Michigan. He served in the U.S. Navy for three years during War 11. After his discharge he married Margerat Galbraith at St. Mary's Church, by Rev. Fr. Huber.

Children:

John, November 29, 1947; Joan Anne, March 14, 1951.

October 1951, Mio, Michigan.

ROBERT CHARLES KAUFMAN

(Charles, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Robert Charles Kaufman was born at Mesick, Michigan, June 22, 1927. He entered the U.S. Army, September 1949 and served for a year at Camp Hood, Texas, after which he was released on reserve until called back on November 25, 1950. He is stationed at Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

RICHARD KAUFMAN

(Charles, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Richard Kaufman was born near Mio, Michigan, May 25, 1928. He married Edith Detweiler on February 19, 1949. Rev. Helen Royce, pastor of the Methodist Church at Mio, reading the rites.

October 1952, Dayton, Ohio.

VADA NOREEN KAUFMAN

(Charles, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Vada Noreen Kaufman was born at Mio, Michigan, January 23, 1927. She was married to Buddy Barnes, January 4, 1944, by Rev. Ruchman at the Mennonite Church at Comins, Michigan.

Children:

Linda Ann, October 22, 1947; Kathy Sue, October 4, 1949.

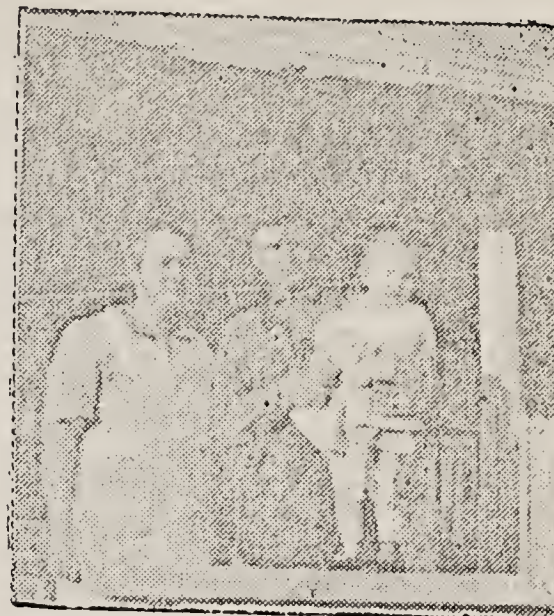
October 1951, Saginaw, Michigan.

EDWARD V. KAUFMAN

(Charles, Barbara, John and Fannie)

Edward V. Kaufman was born in Saginaw, Michigan, June 17, 1930. He served in the United States Navy for three years. Following his discharge he married Edna Jordon at Bay City, Michigan, on July 7, 1951.

October 1951, Bay City, Michigan.



Kathryn - Christian - Freda

KATHRYN KAUFFMAN MILLER

(Barbara, John and Fannie)

.. Kathryn Kauffman was born in Howard County, Indiana, June 5, 1900. She came to Oscoda County with her parents when she was about a year old. On October 26, 1937 she was married to Christain J. Miller at the home of her sister, Mrs. Ora Troyer, by Rev. Moses Steiner.

Children:

Kristine Joanne, September 4, 1938; Freda Marlene, Septembber 6, 1940; Clarice Barbara, December 15, 1941.

I was born in Howard County, Indiana, in 1900 and the folowing year moved to Fairview, Michigan with my parents. What education I have I got at the Gusler School. In the winter of 1920 I worked in the Reed factory at Ionia, Michigan. In the year 1925 my folks lived in Coline, Michigan where my fátheer worked as a carpenter on the Coline Dam.

I worked out most of the time until 1937 when I was married to Christian J. Miller and went to live with him on his farm east and north of Fairview. We lived on the farm for 8 years when we sold it and moved to the village of Fairview, where we are now living.

November 1951, Fairview, Michigan.

FREDA KAUFMAN TROYER

(Barbara, John and Fannie)

Freda Kaufman was born near Kneeland, Michigan, April 2, 1911. She was married to Ora Troyer, on February 7, 1931 at Fairview, Michigan by Moses S. Steiner.

Children:

Marilyn Louise, November 23, 1931; Marlin Lee,

KATIE

KATIE STUTZMAN MILLER

(John and Fannie)

Katherine Stutzman was born near Sugarcreek, Holmes, Co., Ohio on July 21, 1876, the seventh child to be born to Fannie and John. She came to Howard County, Indiana with her parents, where she married Jefferson Miller, on September 17, 1885. Rev. Andrew J. Troyer performed the ceremony.

Children:

Oliver J., May 18, 1886; Barbara Idelcy, August 26 1887; Harry, April 21, 1889 (died March 28, 1912); William Henry, July 3, 1891; Chauncy, July 22, 1893; Fannie, October 29, 1895; John Franklin, March 6, 1898; Cora Genetta, January 21, 1901; Leroy, March 26, 1904; Willis, February 22, 1907.

Jeff and I were married in Howard County, Indiana, where eight of the children were born. Jeff was a carpenter until the year 1894 when he started

to do farming. In 1903 we sold our farm in Howard County, and moved to Fairview, Michigan, where my father and mother moved in 1901. We rented the George Ward farm for a year and then bought the farm where we lived until his death on Dec 24, 1926. In the fall of 1930 I moved to Fairview on the place now owned by Ira Kauffman. In the same year I bought a piece of land from Harry Winton, and we moved a house from the farm there, where I still live. (1949)

Katherine passed away at her home in Fairview, December 31, 1949



KATE and Her Family

Oliver

OLIVER J. MILLER

(Kate, John and Fannie)

Oliver J. Miller was born in Howard County, Indiana May 18, 1886. At the age of 15 he moved to Fairview, Michigan, with his parents, where he has since made his home. On November 28, 1909, he married Alta Mast, daughter of Jacob and Polly Mast. Rev. Meno Esch performing the ceremony.

Children:

Glada Juanita, June 1, 1911; Cleva Louise, June 9, 1913; Clayton Mast, Feb. 10, 1915; Olive Marguerette, Feb. 27, 1917; Iola Mae, March 2, 1919; Lloyd Richard, Aug. 25, 1920; Katheryn, Feb. 22, 1922; Truman O., Sept. 22, 1923; Alta Pauline, April 27, 1928.

On April 1, 1903, I woke up in Oscoda County, Michigan, and have lived in and around Fairview since. I saw the village grow from nothing, just a cross roads to its present prosperous little village.

November 1951 Fairview, Michigan

GLADA JUANITE MILLER KAUFMAN

(Oliver, Kate, Fannie and John)

Glada Juanite Miller was born at Fairview, Michigan, June 1, 1911, the first child of Oliver and Alta Miller. On March 28, 1937 she was married to Ira Kaufman, son of Ezra and Mary Kaufman. The marriage took place at the home of her parents. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Meno Esch, the same person that officiated at her parents wedding twenty-six years before.

Children:

Polly Lanita, January 22, 1938; Merrill Jay, March 22, 1939; Sanford Ray, July 14, 1941; Sherman William, June 5, 1943; Katheryn Janet, January 28, 1947.

On June 1, 1911, one mile north and 1 mile east of Fairview, a new baby was born. This new baby began a new life for Oliver and Alta Miller, a couple who with this small wee beginning, by 1949 had their family increased to 39, counting the inlaws and grand children.

This new baby however needed a name so one sunshiny day while this thrilled daddy worked in a



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bean field, an inspiration filled his very being. His daughter would be named Glada Juanita, which sure enough is my name.

I am glad I can remember the little one roomed country school as the same place I received most of my education. I did manage to complete two subjects of the 9th grade in the Fairview High School. By that time my folks needed my help very much, so I quit school and got some real practical education.

I shall never regret the varied kinds of work I was able to do. I began by helping in the cream station and soon did all the testing, computing and other book work, sold feed until we built a store building where I helped begin a grocery store in connection with the cream business. That was the beginning of about seven or eight years of public work of this kind, which I still remember as among the happiest years of my life.

I did house work for three years until a fellow came along who thought he would be satisfied to have me keep house for him. I agreed to the bargain and thereby lost my good old Miller name. But I'm still doing the same kind of work - housework, book work, occasional carpenter work included, as in the summer months I am co-helper in the carpenter shop which we own and operate in the village of Fairview, under the name of Fairview Lumber Co., however the caring of our five children is the pride and joy of my life.

CLEVA MILLER SUMMERS

(Oiver, Kate, John and Fannie)

Cleva Miller was born at Fairview, Michigan, June 9, 1913. She was married to Milo Summers on June 17, 1939, by Rev. C.S. Yoder.

Children:

David Lee, December 3, 1940; Philip Brian, June 24, 1942; George Edward, June 18, 1942; Karen Kristine, August 20, 1947.

I graduated from the Mio High School with the class of 1931, I graduated from the Ogemaw County Normal at West Branch and attended one summer term at Michigan Teacher's College at Mt. Pleasant. Taught country school for seven years, two of these were in Oscoda County.

Since June 1939, I have been a busy and happy farmers wife the best profession ever.

CLAYTON M. MILLER

(Oliver J, Kate, John and Fannie)

Clayton Miller was born near Fairview, Michigan, February 10, 1915. On October 10, 1947 he married Velma Dixon, at Fairview, Michigan, Rev. Frank R. Raber performing the ceremony.

Children:

Betty Jean, December 21, 1940; Patricia Louise, April 12, 1944; Marcia Marie, February 14, 1946.

I graduated from high school in 1933. Three years later I went to Detroit to work in the Ford Rouge plant. I didn't like factory work so I returned home. After staying at home for a while I went to Midland to work for Yoder Garage as a body man until 1940 when I came back to Fairview to go into business with my Dad. At this time we have a partnership business (Feed and Implements) in Fairview, Michigan, including Dad, Lloyd and myself.

OLIVE MARGARETTE MILLER SHETLER

(Oliver, Kate, John and Fannie)

Olive Margarette Miller was born at Fairview, Michigan, February 27, 1917. She was married to Jacob W. Shetler on August 28, 1938, by Rev. Meno Esch.

Children:

Mirial Ann, November 11, 1940; Jacob Ronald, February 2, 1944.

I was born at Fairview and lived there until 1935, at which time I graduated from the Fairview High School. Immediately after graduating I was employed as a maid in a private home in Midland and remained at that place until I was married in August 1938.

After marriage we took up our residence on a farm two miles south of Pigeon. In 1945 we sold our farm and equipment and moved to Flint, where we assisted in mission work. One year later (1946) we moved to California. We are temporarily living on a ranch four miles south of Ontario, California. This region is being known as Pomona Valley. It's chief products are potatoes, sweet corn, beans, alfalfa, English Walnuts, dairying and poultry raising.

November 1951, 301 Schaefer Ave., Chino, Calif.

IOLA MAE MILLER SWARTZENDRUBER

(Oliver, Kate, John and Fannie)

Iola Mae Miller was born in Fairview, Michigan, March 2, 1919. On September 28, 1946 she was married to Ray Swartzenruber at Fairview by Rev. Meno Esch.

KATHRYN MILLER SHARICK

(Oiver, Kate, John and Fannie)

Kathryn Miller was born near Fairview, Michigan, February 22, 1922. She was married to Milton Sharick at St. John's, Michigan, August 23, 1941. Rev. J. Kore Zook, performed the wedding ceremony.

Children:

Morris Dean, September 28, 1942; Jerry Lynn, March 18, 1945; Carol Ann, January 23, 1948. Children were all born at St. John's, Michigan.

I went to school, from the grades through high school at Fairview, Michigan, graduating in the spring of 1940. For a year and half after graduating and until I was married I did house work in Midland. We were married in St. John's and have made our home in this city since. My husband is employed at the Benton Feed Mixer Plant.

November 1951, 914 Clinton Ave., St. John's, Michigan.

TRUMAN MILLER

(Oliver, Kate, John and Fannie)

Truman Miller was born near Fairview, Michigan, September 22, 1923. He married Dorothy Mae Newhauser, at Fairview, Michigan on March 30, 1946. Rev. Moses S. Steiner, reading the wedding rites.

Children:

Thrumman Lee, January 9, 1947; Janis Marie, March 1, 1948.

I started to school at the age of 6, going to the Towns Hall at Fairview, which was used temporarily for a school room. After the first 8 grades in 1939, I quit a year and worked for Jacob Shetler for the summer and went back to school in the fall of 1940. I quit again in the spring of 1941 to help at home. On March 1943 I went to work at the Michigan State College Experiment Station at Chatham, Michigan and worked there until December of the same year when I went to work at Northville, Michigan. I worked for the C.W. Chase Farms until May of the next year when I quit to enter the hospital at St. John's for an operation. In July 1944 I started working for the Lorraine Research Farms near Detroit. Because of ill health I changed jobs and worked for Parke Davis Co., of Detroit, as a Laboratory worker. Came back to Fairview to become a member of the Oliver J. Miller & Sons Feed store in Fairview.

November 1951, Fairview, Michigan.

LLOYD R. MILLER.

(Oliver, Kate, John and Fannie)

Lloyd R. Miler was born August 25, 1920 at Fairview, Michigan. On June 30th 1943 he married Clara Terwilleger at Midland, Michigan. Rev. Clarence Yoder performing the ceremony.

Children:

Richard Oliver, November 28, 1944; John Wendell, February 26, 1947; Lynn Joseph, September 24, 1949.

One of my earliest recollections of life was when I was about 3 years old, our house burned.

I entered school at Fairview and completed High School there. During my school years I worked part time for Oren Detweiler, making cement blocks. I also worked at the grocery store for Bob Miller. I enjoyed baseball while in high school, I graduated in 1938.

I attended a six week's Bible School at Kitchener, Ontario in 1940. In the fall of the same year started a six month course in general agriculture at Michigan State College. Became a Dairy Herd Improvement Supervisor and tested milk for the Alpena - Alcona Dairy Herd Improvement Ass'n, for a year and worked for a like organization in Genesee County.

I was drafted into the Civilian Public Service in October 26, 1942 and served in camps in Sidling Hill and Howard both in Pennsylvania for three months, then was transferred for detached service as D.H.A. supervisor in Somerset County, N.J. I spent 3 years and 2 months at this point.

While in New Jersey, Clare and I were married after three years of courtship in all the uncertainty of those war years. However, somehow finds it's way through that Ominipotent Power and today we are blessed with two boys and a home and a share in the Feed and Implement business at Fairview.

Idelcy

BARBARA IDELCY MILLER LANTZ
(Katherine, John and Fannie Stutzman)

Barbara Idelcy Miller was born in Howard County, Indiana, August 26, 1887, where she spent her early life. At the age of 14 she came to Fairview, Michigan with her parents. In 1914 she was married to Harvey J. Lantz and lived with him on a farm near Kneeland, Michigan, until 1920, when the family moved to Ashtabula County, Ohio, where they lived for ten years. In 1930 they moved to Pearl River County, Miss., and twelve years later moved to Harrisburg, Va. where she passed away in 1949.

Children:

John, Ruth, Marie Harry and Francis.



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ALTA PAULINE MILLER CHAFFEE
(Oliver, Kate, John and Fannie)

Alta Pauline Miller was born near Fairview, Michigan. April 27, 1928. She was married to Paul Curtis Chaffee at Fairview, Michigan on November 25, 1948. By Rev. Ezra Beachy. Members of the Calvary Mennonite Church at Pickney, Michigan.

Children:

Barbara Louise, November 29, 1949; Jonathan Paul, November 7, 1950.

Ann Arbor, Michigan.

JOHN LANTZ

(Idelcy, Kate, John and Fannie)

John Lantz was born near Mio, Michigan, July 17, 1915. He married Maude Geil on April 4, 1946 at Broadway, Virginia. Rev. John L. Stauffer performed at the ceremony.

Children:

John David, April 7, 1947; Miriam Idella, June 18, 1948; Rebecca Fay, July 12, 1950.

I came to Virginia with my parents in December 1938 and worked on a farm for a year. Spent four years in Civilian Public Service, January 7, 1942 to January 18, 1946 stationed at Grottoes, Virginia, Belton, Montana, Harrisburg, Pa., and Orono, Maine.

We now live on a 45 acre farm and have a broiler house that holds 6500 chicks at one time.

1952 Broadway, Virginia.

William

WILLIAM H. MILLER

(Kate, John and Fannie)

William H. Miller was born in Miama County Indiana on July 30, 1891. He came to Oscoda County, Michigan with his parents in 1903 and stayed until he became of age, when he went back to the place of his birth where he has since lived. On November 6, 1915 he married Ella Rose, of Howard County, Indiana, the Rev. E.A. Mast performing the ceremony.

He has one son, Raymond J., born July 18, 1920.

RAYMOND L. MILLER

(William, Kate, John and Fannie)

Raymond Miller was born near Plevna, Indiana, July 18, 1920. He married Afton G. Bauer at Greentown, Indiana on October 7, 1939.

Children:

Beverley Diane, May 26, 1940.

Chauncy

CHAUNCY R. MILLER

(Kate, John and Fannie)

Chauncy R. Miller was born in Miami, County, Indiana, July 22, 1893. He came to Oscoda County, Michigan with his parents in 1903 and has lived here since. On March 4, 1916 he married Carrie May Beachy, Rev Meno Esch officiating. Soon after marriage he moved on a farm East of Fairview where he stayed for a number of years. He moved to Fairview to operate a grocery store for a number of years, sold it and moved back on the farm where he is now living.

Children:

Edna Kathern, April 18, 1917; Mildred Fay, November 8, 1919; Ruth Lucille, October 27, 1921; Richard L. December 22, 1922; Otis Lloyd, January 2, 1927; Willard Wayne, May 10, 1929; James Jeffery, March 28, 1940 .

EDNA MILLER GASCHO

(Chauncy, Kate, John and Fannie)

Edna Miller was born near Fairview, Michigan, April 18, 1917. She was married to Edwin Gascho, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gascho, July 9, 1940 by Rev. Meno Esch.

Children:

Peggy June, June 20, 1941; Sandra Carol, March 22, 1943; Dean Elsworth, July 13, 1945; Linda Sue, October 5, 1947; Dwayne Edwin, March 7, 1949.

I graduated from the 8th grade at Fairview, but quit school in my 9th grade because of Algebra. I did house work for the neighbors for a while. Also worked in Detroit and Midland, but came back to Fairview. Along about this time I met Edwin Gascho and in 1940 we were married and moved into the old Sherwood house west of Fairview. We stayed there part of the year and found the house to be too cold to stay all winter, so we moved in with Ed's folks. Ed farmed the home place until 1947 when we moved to the C.R. Miller farm East of Fairview, which the Miller twins had taken over. We are living there now.

November 1951, Fairview, Michigan.

MILDRED MILLER NEFF

(Chauncy, Kate, John and Fannie)

Mildred Miller was born near Fairview, Michigan, November 8, 1918. She was married to Carl Neff, August 11, 1947, by Rev. Meno Esch.

Fannie

FANNIE MILLER

(Kathrine, John and Fannie)

Fannie Miller was born in Howard County, Indiana, October 29, 1895 and lived there until she was 8 years old when she came to Fairview, Michigan with her parents. All except a few years she spent in Ohio and Virginia were spent in the Fairview Community.

I went to school at the North Fairview school except the first year, which I spent in the Miller school near Plenna, Ind. I have tried everything in the line of work, I did housework, factory work, was a telephone operator and worked for one of my brothers as clerk in his store. I kept boarders, helped cook for 134 in Bible School, and now I am in the bakery business.

John

JOHN FRANKLIN MILLER

(Kate, John and Fannie)

John Franklin Miller was born in Howard County, Indiana, March 6, 1898. He came to Oscoda County, Michigan with his parents when he was five years old. He married Ella Handrichs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Hendrichs, October 28, 1922. Rev. Meno Esch performed the marriage ceremony.

John passed away on April 1, 1935 at the early age of 37. He was living on his father's farm and working it from the time he was through school to the time of his death.

Children:

Irene, September 30, 1923; Ester, July 14, 1925; Ethel, March 8, 1933.

After John's death, the family moved to Fairview, where the children grew up, went to school, married and have a home and family of their own. Ella is still living there.



JOHN and Family
Picture taken shortly before he died.

IRENE FAY MILLER YODER

(John, Kate, John and Fannie)

Irene Fay Miller was born on a farm near Fairview, Michigan, on September 30, 1923. She was married to Floyd Melvin Yoder son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan B. Yoder, on December 16, 1944, by Rev. Moses S. Steiner.

Children:

Carolyn Mae, March 19, 1947; Jason Lee, May 30, 1949.

ESTHER MILLER ZOOK

(John, Kate, John and Fannie)

Esther Miller was born on a farm near Fairview, Michigan, on July 14, 1925. On September 15, 1944 she was married to Truman Zook, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Zook, by Rev. Meno Esch.

Children:

Erma Louise, June 14, 1946; Maxine Kay, March 14, 1948; Phylis Ann, August 24, 1951.

I went to grade and high school at Fairview, Michigan. I worked in R.L. Miller's grocery store for two summers while attending school in the winter and one year after I was through school. We moved to Blaney Park, Upper Peninsula, in May 1947, to help in Mission work.

November 1951, Blaney Park, Michigan.

ETHEL MILLER HANDRICHS

(John, Kate, John and Fannie)

Ethel Miller was born near Fairview, Michigan, March 8, 1933. On September 8, 1950 she was married to Vernell Handrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Handrich, by his father Rev. Harvey Handrich.

Children:

Nerald Dean, September 12, 1951.

Soon after their marriage they moved to Dayton, Ohio where they are now living.

Cora

CORA GENETTA MILLER DETWEILER
(Kate, John and Fannie)

Cora Genetta Miller was born in Howard County Indiana, January 21, 1901, came to Oscoda County with her parents when she was two years old. She was married to Oren L. Detweiler, April 4, 1922 by Bishop Meno Esch.

Children:

Marvin Clark, March 8, 1923; Mary Elizabeth, April 19, 1924; Norma Louise, January 1, 1926 (died in infancy); Lucille Fay, December 11, 1928; John Mark, July 7, 1934; Virgil Wayne, June 29, 1934, (died at 11 months); Lowell Clarence, June 11, 1936; Reuel Oren, May 7, 1942.

Cora Genetta, called Nettie by all my friends, came to Fairview with my parents when I was 2 years old, April 1903. I spent all my school days at the North Fairview School, graduating from the 8th grade when I was 15. There was no high school near so my formal schooling stopped. I worked at home or as a hired girl until I was 21, when I was married.

We have shared the "ups" and "downs" of married life for nearly thirty years. We are both members of the Fairview Mennonite church and are trying to serve the Lord the best we know how.

We lived on a farm for a year or two, then moved to the village of Fairview, where Oren worked at the carpenter trade for quite a number of years. We are in the building material business.

When electricity came to Fairview, Oren put in a small electrical shop and wired many of the houses. He kept adding merchandise until he had quite a hardware store. He and my brother Roy bought the Henry Solomon General Store, Oren taking the Hardware Department and Roy the Grocery end.

In 1944 we sold the hardware and went back on the farm, but didn't like it too well, the work being too strenuous for Oren's health. Went back to Fairview strenuous for Oren's health. Went back to Fairview

November 1951, Fairview, Michigan.

MARVIN CARL DETWEILER
(Genette, Kate, John and Fannie)

Marvin Carl Detweiler was born near Fairview, Michigan, March 8, 1923. On June 27, 1946 he married Janet Marie Pettit at Fairview, Michigan. Rev. LaVerne Rutchman reading the ceremony.

Children:

Thomas Carl, September 17, 1949.

Lived in Fairview until my graduation from Fairview High School with the class of 1942. Subsequently I worked at Dayton, Ohio and spent a half a year at Goshen College, Goshen, Ind.

I enlisted in the Navy, June 1944 and served until June 1946. Was then married and returned to New Haven, Conn., to continue my studies at Yale University, from which I received my B.A. Degree in June 1947.

Moved to Lansing in the fall of 1947 and took a position with the Michigan National Bank, where I am presently employed.

MARY ELIZABETH DETWEILER WYSE
(Genetta, Kate, John and Fannie)

Mary Elizabeth Detweiler was born in Fairview, Michigan on April 19, 1924. She was married to Lawrence Wyse at Chief, Michigan. September 16, 1944, by Rev. Lester Wyse.

Children:

Dwight Oren, August 1, 1946½; Louise Genetta, January 28, 1948; Patricia Carol, February 5, 1949; Dexter Lee, August 27, 1951.

Lived in and around Fairview and attended the Fairview High School until my senior year when I went to Virginia and attended the Eastern Mennonite School, graduating May 11, 1943.

The following school year I worked in the Superintendent's office at Fairview High. Was married September 16, 1944 and moved to a 150 acre farm several miles west of Midland, where we still reside.

November 1951, Route 2, Midland, Michigan.

JOHN MARK
(Genetta, Kate, John and Fannie)

John Mark Detweiler was born near Fairview, Michigan, July 7, 1931. He graduated from the Fairview High School with the class of 1950. He is a carpenter by trade.

On September 29, 1951 he married Luetta Fern Gusler. The wedding was held at the home of Gilbert Gusler, brother of the bride, Rev. Harvey Hendrich reading the rites.

Leroy

LEROY MILLER

(Kate, John and Fannie)

LeRoy Miller was born near Fairview, Michigan March 26, 1904. He married Anne Faye Shrock on March 11, 1927, at Hillman, Michigan, the Rev. John Dingle reading the wedding rites.

Children:

Shirley Jeanette, February 12, 1929½; Carol Marjorie, August 31, 1931½; Bertha Faye, February 1, 1936; Robert LeRoy, July 29, 1938, Kathryn Ann, November 24, 1940.

SHIRLEY MILLER

(LeRoy, Kate, John and Fannie)

Shirley Miller was born at Comins, Michigan, February 12, 1929, the oldest child of LeRoy and Faye Miller.

I was born at Comins, Michigan, February 12, 1929. I lived on a farm there until the spring of 1935 when I moved to Fairview with my parents, which has been my home since.

In the fall of 1935 I started my school life at Fairview, and continued until graduating in 1946.

During the summer of 1944 I worked at a Boy's Camp at Island Lake, near Comins and the following summer I clerked in my father's store.

In the fall of 1946 I began my college education at Central State Teacher's College at Mt. Pleasant. I am taking a course in Home Economics, and plan to become a teacher in that subject.

During the summers of 1947, '48 and '49 I worked at a summer Resort on the Ausable River and continued my college education during the winter of these years. In June 1950, I graduated from Central possessing the partial accomplishments I had long anticipated.

My first teaching position in the fall of 1950 was at the Leland High School where I taught Home Making. In the Fall of '51 I joined the faculty of the Harrison High School, with an enrollment of 200 in the upper grades, where I am teaching three Home Making classes and one English class.

During the past two summers I cooked at Camp Missaukee, at Lake City, a camp for girls.

As for now, my plans for the future are incomplete, however I do hope to be teaching "Home Making, at Harrison, Michigan."

Willis

WILLIS J. MILLER

(Kate, John and Fannie)

Willis J. Miller was born near Fairview, Michigan, February 22, 1907. He married Ruth J. Shank, at Broadway, Va., on June 20, 1935.

Children:

Joseph Robert, May 24, 1936 (died May 27, 1936); Mervyl LeRoy, October 29, 1940; Marjorie Ruth, September 26, 1942; Winfred John, September 2, 1945; Cheryl Louise, September 20, 1948.

We lived at Fairview 2½ years after marriage, on the place now owned by Henry Troyer. During that time I worked for O.L. Detweiler on the mill. Also bilt brother Ray's house and did a number of other carpenter jobs around Fairview.

In the fall of 1937, we built a house trailer and spent the winter in Florida, going from there to Virginia, where we are now living. I worked for the Shank Hatchery for 4 years and have farmed it for four years. Since that time I have worked at the carpenter trade. We now live on two acres on the Dayton Pike.

Route 1, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

SARA

SARE STUTZMAN MILLER

(John and Fannie)

Sara Stutzman was born in Walnut Creek, Ohio, October 3, 1869. She moved to Miami County, Indiana when she was a young lady where she was married to Wesley Miller, son of Simon J. Miller. They spoke their marriage vows on August 30, 1889, to Justice of the Peace, Phil Rose. They lived on a small farm in Miami County, Indiana until 1904 when they moved to Oscoda County, Michigan and bought a farm about half way between Fairview and Mio. Twelve children were born into this family.

Children:

Carence E., June 29, 1890; Willis, November 17, 1891; Frank, February 18, 1894, Ada Ellen, April 9, 1896; Lester Eugene, October 1, 1898; Lulu Magdalene, November 24, 1900; Ray John, December 18, 1902; Ernest Leander, December 19, 1904; Otis Leroy, June 30, 1907; Delta Mae, October 4, 1909; Rolie Flewellyn, November 2, 1911; Beulah Idelsie, February 13, 1914.

November 1951, Westover, Maryland.



SARE and Family picture taken on the old Homestead. 1 mile west 1 mile south of Kneeland.

Clarence

CLARENCE E. MILLER (Sara, John and Fannie)

Clarence Miller was born near Waupecong, Indiana, June 29, 1890. He came to Oscoda County, Michigan with his parents when he was 14, years old, and where he married Miss Mary Ann Beachy, on March 25, 1915, Rev. Meno Esch performing the ceremony.

Children:

Harry Beachy, June 16, 1916 (died August 13, 1933 by drowning); Warren Leon, January 26, 1918 (died February 17, 1918); Clarence Bruce, January 19, 1919 (died March 6, 1919); Iris Nylean, May 3, 1922; Jacob William, July 17, 1927; Charlene Arla, December 14, 1930; Verlnn Vere, June 15, 1936, (died at birth).

"A rolling stone gathers no moss" so I guess that is why we are so "mossless". Clarence's folks moved to Oscoda County, Michigan when he was 14 years old. He worked on farms, on saw mills and in the woods until he was 20, then went back to Indiana. From there he went West to work in the wheat fields. On December 27, 1910 he enlisted in the regular army at Fort Logan, Colorado, serving three years in the Phillipines, stationed in Manila, a Pvt. in Co. B. 13th Regt. of the Infantry, a sharp-shooter. He was honorably discharged December 22, 1913 at Fort McDonald, California.

On March 24, 1915, he married Mary Ann Beachy, whose parents, Jacob and Elizabeth Beachy had moved to Oscoda County, Michigan from Sugar Creek, Ohio, March 4, 1907. Three sons were born to us, two of them dying in infancy.

In 1919, with our son, Harry, we went to Fesenden, N. Dak. for the far west. Then we went to Kallona, Iowa, in which vicinity we lived for three years and where our only daughter Iris was born May 3, 1922. In August that same year we bought a Model T Ford and drove through to Westover, Maryland where Clarence's sister and family (Clyde Zook) lived. Here we raised strawberries and chickens and two more boys. Here also on August 13, 1933, Harry was drowned in Kings Creek while swimming with a crowd of young people. He was a bonny lad of 17, but we felt that "It was better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all." After much skimping and saving we are able to own, "one little hut among de bushes," and is one that we love and is indeed "Home Sweet Home."

In 1910 we made our first trip back to Oscoda County in 18 years, taking our little flock, Iris, Bill

and Junior with us. In 1947 we went again, this time taking only mother Miller with us as Iris was married and had two children, Junior was helping on their farm and Bill was in Germany, with the occupational army.

We have finally achieved our great dream of long standing - a brand new Pontiac car..... which we bought in 1947, but is now (1951) old and worn out as all the things of this world become in time. So we are looking forward to that Home where we'll never grow old. We endeavor to walk worthy of our vocation, so that we will bear in our body's the "Marks of our Lord Jesus."

November 1951, Westover, Maryland.

IRIS MILLER MALIN

(Clarence, Sarah, John and Fannie)

Iris Miller was born at Hills, Iowa, May 3, 1922. She was married to George G. Malin, Jr., February 9, 1942, at Westover, Maryland, by Bishop George M. Hostetler.

Children:

Catherine Eileen, May 8, 1943; George Griffith III, June 30, 1944; Joseph Eldon, November 22, 1947.

December 1951, Route 2, Malvern, Pennsylvania.



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JACOB MILLER

(Clarence, Sarah, John and Fannie)

Jacob Miller was born at Westover, Maryland, July 17, 1927. He enlisted in the army in December 1945. served in Antwerp, Belgium and Frankfurt, Germany. He served in the army for three years, came home and was discharged in 1948. After three years in the army he cared for nothing else so he re-enlisted in December 1948 just four months after his discharge. He is now (December 1951) stationed at Munich, Germany.

CLARENCE MILLER, JR.

(Clarence, Sarah, John and Fannie)

Clarence Miller, Jr., was born in Westover, Md., December 14, 1930. He decided to follow the footsteps of his brother so he enlisted in the Quarter Master's Corp, U.S. Army in May 1951. He trained at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and is now stationed at Bad Kreuznach, Germany. December, 1951.

Willis**WILLIS MILLER**

(Sarah, John and Fannie)

Willis Miller was born near Waupecong, Indiana, November 19, 1891. He married Artie Beachy. at Fairview, Michigan on June 3, 1916. Rev. Meno Esch performed the ceremony at his home.

I spent the first 12 years of my life in Indiana. I attended the Studebaker school. At the age of 12 I came to Oscoda County, Michigan with my parents, where we lived on a farm and I attended the Biggs school until I was in the 8th grade.

After my marriage in 1916 we moved on a farm 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles west of Fairview, where I farmed some and worked at the carpenter trade. In 1927 we went to Detroit and spent the winter there, then in the spring of 1928 we moved to Flint where I worked at the carpenter trade, till the fall of 1928 when we made our first trip to Florida. Since then we have spent 13 winters at our winter home in Sarasota, Florida and the summers spent at Fairview, Michigan. Between times I still work at the carpenter trade.



WILLIS and ARTIE

Frank

FRANK MILLER

(Sarah, John and Fannie)

Frank Miller was born in Howard County, Indiana, February 18, 1894. Came to Oscoda County with his parents in 1904. He grew up in the community and married Lela Miller at Kneeland, Michigan by Rev. Percy Lomas, on November 8, 1921.

Children:

Catherine, July 21, 1922; Donald, March 19, 1926; Martha, August 14, 1927; Elsie, January 22, 1929; Junior, July 30, 1930; Bobby, October 20, 1933; Marian, May 8, 1937; Helen, May 15, 1935; Esther, July 4, 1943, Herbert, September 10, 1945.

MARTHA MILLER

(Frank, Sarah, John and Fannie)

Marath Miller was born at Westover, Maryland. August 14, 1926. She was married to Gerald Miller at Freeport, Michigan on April 13, 1946. Rev. B. G. Wyma reading the wedding rites.

Children:

Wayne, January 27, 1951.

ELSIE MILLER HERMENITT

(Frank, Sarah, John and Fannie)

Elsie Miller was born at Kingston, Maryland. January 22, 1929. She was married to George Hermentitt at Nashville, Michigan, by Rev. B.G. Wyma on January 31, 1948.

Children:

Robert, November 27, 1948; Keith, July 29, 1950.

Ada

ADA MILLER ZOOK

(Sarah, John and Fannie)

Ada Miller was born near Waupecong, Indiana, April 9, 1896, and came to Oscoda County, Michigan with her parents at the age of 8. She was married to Clyde Zook, by Rev. Meno Esch, on August 21, 1915, at Fairview, Michigan.

Children:

Ray, August 21, 1918; Robert, November 13, 1920; Louella, January 27, 1923; Willard, December 25, 1928.

Lester

LESTER EUGENE MILLER

(Sarah, John and Fannie)

Lester Eugene Miller was born near Waupecong, Indiana on October 1, 1898. Married Alice Claire Yoder at Westover, Md. November 1, 1923. Rev. Aaron Mast officiated at the wedding.

Children:

Marian Leah, June 26, 1923; Sylvia Mae, June 26, 1924; Verna Lois, April 20, 1926; Leonard Lester, March 20, 1928; John Daniel, November 16, 1929; Floyd Samuel, June 11, 1931; Omer Willis, May 6, 1933; Clifford Davis, November 15, 1934; Albert Truman, June 20, 1936; Richard Alvin, April 29, 1939; Joyce Katie, September 21, 1940; Alice Ruby, October 16, 1943.

SYLVIA MILLER HOSTETLER

(Lester, Sarah, John and Fannie)

Sylvia Miller was born in Westover, Maryland, June 26, 1924, she was married to Harold Hostetler, August 1, 1947 at the home of her parents, by Rev. George M. Hostetler.

Children:

Paul Martin, May 7, 1948; John Maynard, January 19, 1950; Ida May, December 8, 1951.

I was born near Westover, Maryland as were all my brothers and sisters. Have always lived there on the Eastern shore of Md., except one year that I worked in Pa. Most of my single life was spent at home, helping with the work on the farm.

I attended a small country school and graduated from the 7th grade.

In July 1944 Grandmother Yoder had a stroke which left her quite helpless. She was not able to do her work. I came to stay with grandmother and her



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son, Roy, who was still at home, not having married. I stayed until she died, February 23, 1947.

After Grandmother's death I came home and made preparations for my marriage to Harold Hostetler. We were married the last day of August, just a simple wedding with only my folks and his folks present. After marriage we left for a trip west accompanied by my sister and her husband. We traveled through Ohio, Michigan, Illinois where we visited with Harold's folks. As we journeyed through the Western States, we saw many scenes of beauty, Yellow Stone Park, Salt Lake City, the Red Woods of California. On our return trip we didn't make so many stops because we were getting anxious to get back and to work. We did stop at Boulder Dam and stopped for a week in New Mexico.

Harold and I stayed with Uncle Roy, because it was rather difficult to get a suitable place to live. Harold worked by the day a couple of months but we are now farming it.

On May 7th, our little baby came into our home to make it happy, we have named him, Paul Martin.

LOIS MILLER CHRISTMAN (Lester, Sarah, John and Fannie)

Lois Miller was born at Westover, Maryland, April 20, 1926. She was married to Carl Christman, at Westover, Md. on November 13, 1943. Rev. George Hostetler reading the wedding rites.

Children:

Helen Faye, December 1, 1946; Clarence Eugene, November 16, 1949.

I was born and raised at Westover, Maryland. There was a large family of us, so we had some pretty good times and some hard times. Before I was quite 15 years old I came to Spring City, Pa., to do house work. Here I met and married my husband when I was 17 1/2 years old. The first seven years of our marriage my husband and I worked on a farm for Norman Becktel at Spring City. In 1950 we rented a farm and now have our own cows. We hope some day to have our own farm. We do general farming.

February 1952, Pottstown, Pa.

Lulu

LULU MILLER KAUFMAN (Sarah, John and Fannie)

Lulu Miller was born near Kokomo, Indiana, November 24, 1900. When she was a little more than a year old she came to Oscoda County, Michigan, with her parents. She moved to Maryland, with her mother where she was married to Maurice Kaufman on February 16, 1925. Rev. Aaron Mast performed the ceremony.

Children:

John Warren, April 6, 1926; Ernest Wilmer, April 28, 1928; Vernon Leon, February 20, 1932; Robert Ross, June 5, 1933; Betty Jean, August 29, 1935.

March 14, 1952.

Dear Cousin Ferd;

I am sorry I have waited this long to answer your note, but I am so very busy that it is easy to put writing letters off. I go to work too, and then to keep things done up at home doesn't give me much spare time.

Our two oldest boys are married. John Warren married Vivian Kauba from Iowa, on May 1, 1950. They were married at Rome, N.Y. He is a Radio and Television service man. He is at Television Station WKTV in Utica, N.Y. They have a little boy, born August 12, 1951, at Rome, N.Y.

Ernest Wilmer is a manager of a Woolworth Store in Cleveland, Ohio, but is being transferred to a store in Cincinnati, Ohio. He married Eleanor Evans of Revenna. They were married on January 1, 1949. They have a little girl, Cynthia Lee, born March 8, 1951.

Vernon, our 3rd boy is in the Air Force, stationed at Keesler Air Base in Mississippi. The two youngest are at home.

I have been so busy raising our family and now for the last six years I have been working, so that I am afraid I've almost forgotten I have a lot of nice cousins in Michigan.

March 14, 1952, Revenna, Ohio.

Ernest

ERNEST MILLER

Sarah, John and Fannie)

Ernest Miller was born near Mio, Michigan, December 19, 1904. He married Lydia J. Smith, September 24, 1927, at Riverdale, Michigan by Rev. Jensen.

Children:

Ernest Jr., August 30, 1929; Chrlotte May, November 3, 1933; Wesley J. November 17, 1936; Harry J. July 22, 1944.

I attended school at the Briggs school from 1910 to 1918. My family left Oscoda County for Maryland in 1922. I went with them and worked on a farm there for 2 years and came back to Oscoda County, where I worked on the roads and in the woods.

In 1926 I went to Onaway and worked for the Lobdell Emery Co., and after the fire I moved to Alma with them where I stayed for 6 years.

I was married in 1927 and moved to Elm Hall in 1932 where I worked on a farm for 2 years. I then went to Detroit where I worked for The Budd Wheel Co., for 10½ years and then came back to Elm Hall. In October 1944 I got a job with the Leonard Refining Co., where I am presently employed.

In 1946 I bought a farm ¼ mile south of Elm Hall where we now live.

February 2, 1952, Riverdale, Michigan.

Delta

DELTA MILLER SMITH

(Sarah, John and Fannie)

Delta Miller was born near Mio, Michigan, October 4, 1909. She moved to Maryland with her mother where she was married to James Macklin Smith, on September 19, 1936 by Rev. Thomas J. Tushington.

Children:

Gerald, July 26, 1932.

March 1952, Route 1, Lincoln, Delaware.

MARY

MARY STUTZMAN MILLER

(John and Fannie)

Mary Stutzman was born in Miami County, Indiana, January 24, 1874, the youngest child of John and Fannie Stutzman. She was married to Abner J. Miller, September 29, 1896, by Rev. E.A. Mast, near Kokomo, Indiana.

Children:

Verda, December 31, 1897; Omer H., June 26, 1899, (he died suddenly December 26, 1925); Ruby, April 22, 1901; Frank, May 17, 1904.

I was born in Miami County, Indiana and went to school there until I was 14 years old. I worked for the neighbors until I was 21, when I went to Aurthur, Illinois, where I met and married Abner J. Miller. Following our marriage we worked rented farms near Arthur until 1900 when we moved to Louisiana, where we lived for four years when we moved to Oscoda County, Michigan. (1904) My husband died May 19, 1939.

Verda

VERDA MILLER STONEBRAKER

(Mary, John and Fannie)

Verda Miller was born in Douglas County, Illinois, December 31, 1897. She came to Oscoda County with her parents in 1904, and was married to Clarence Stonebarker at Lansing, Michigan, on February 28, 1928.

I was born in Illinois, moved with my parents to Iowa, at the age of 2, where we lived for four years. Then we moved to Fairview, Michigan where I attended the Gusler School through the 8th grade.

When I was 15 I began to work for neighbors, later clerked in the E.A. Troyer store at Fairview, was telephone operator, worked in the Creamery office and in the bank.

In 1925 and 26 I attended Ferris Institute and graduated as a Stenographer Secretary. I worked at this work in Lansing for a few years, and then was married and came back to Fairview to live.

1952, Fairview, Michigan.

Buby

RUBY MILLER HANDRICH

(Mary, John and Fannie)

Ruby Miller was born in Iowa, La., April 22, 1901. She came with her parents to Oscoda County, Michigan at the age of 3. She was married to Harvey Handrich, April 16, 1926, by Rev. M.S. Steiner.

Children:

Orford Delton, June 18, 1927; (Died April 2, 1930); Vernell Victor, July 26, 1928; Velda May, January 29, 1931; Twila Jean, April 30, 1933; Darrell Weldon, April 26, 1926; Ronald Ray, March 2, 1939; Carol Marie, November 11, 1940.

At the age of three I moved to Fairview, Michigan from Louisiana with my parents. I attended public school until I was 16. I worked indifferent homes in the community until I was 24, then was married to Harvey Handrich. We bought and moved on a farm near Fairview, Michigan, where we are now living.

VERNELL VICTOR HANDRICH

(Ruby, Mary, John and Fannie)

Vernell Victor Handrich was born near Mio, Michigan, July 26, 1928. He married Ethel Miller, September 9, 1950.

Children:

Jerala Dean, September 12, 1951.

1952, R.F.D. 11, Box 581 B. Dayton 9, Ohio.

VELDA MAY HANDRICH NEFF

(Mary, John and Fannie)

Velda May Handrich was born near Mio, Michigan, January 29, 1931. She was married to Curtis Neff, September 2, 1949.

Children:

Stanly Ray, January 8, 1951.

I took my first two years of high school at Fairview, Michigan and the last two at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisburg, Virginia graduating in June 1949. On September 2, 1949 I was married to Curtis Neff and we are now living on a farm four miles north of Fairview.

1952, Comins, Michigan.

Frank

FRANK MILLER

(Mary, John and Fannie)

Frank Miller was born in Iowa, Lousiana, May 17, 1904 and came with his parents to Fairview, Michigan the same year. He married Mary Hersberger, April 4, 1935. Rev. Moses Stiener performing the ceremony.

Children:

Verna Jean, November 11, 1935; Larry Joe, September 20, 1936; Lloyd Laverne, October 12, 1938.

I was born near Iowa, La. and was lugged to Fairview, Michigan at the age of three months, where I have since lived, except for five months of 1925, that I spent in Indiana and Ohio. I attended the Gusler school through the 8th grade, and took the first two years of high school at the Fairview Town Hall.

Since leaving school I have been farming and fishing until the last five years I have been working as a carpenter.



KATE BARB MARY DAVE

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